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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

In South-Carolina:

HELD IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON,

On the 12th and 13th of February,

1851.

WITH

LISTS OF THE CLERGY AND PARISHES,

THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, THE CONSTITUTION, CANONS AND RULES OF ORDER, AND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY,

BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH-CAROLINA,

FEBRUARY 1851.

The Rt. Rev. CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS GADSDEN, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. Thomas S. Arthur, *Rector of Christ Church, Greenville.*

" Wm. H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlestn,*

" Charles Theodore Bland, *Missionary for the vicinity of Aiken,*

" John B. Campbell, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church. Charleston.*

" John W. Chanler, *in Europe.*

" Augustus L. Converse, *Rector of the Church at Claremont. Stateburg.*

" Andrew H. Cornish, *Assistant to the Rector of St. Thomas, and Teacher of the Parish School.*

" J. H. Cornish, *Rector of the Church of St. Thaddæus, Aiken.*

" M. A. Curtis, *Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill.*

" Thomas F. Davis, *Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*

" Wm. Dehon, *Rector of the United Churches of Pineville and Upper St. John's.*

" Francis P. Delavaux, *residing at Barnwell C. H.*

" Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.*

" Stephen Elliott, *Assistant Minister of Prince William's Parish.*

" Henry Elwell, *Teacher at Society Hill, and Missionary to Mar's Bluff.*

" J. R. Fell, *Rector of Christ Church Parish.*

" Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.*

" Christopher P. Gadsden, *Assistant to the Rector of St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.*

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The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, John's Island.*
" Richardson Graham, *Assistant Minister of St. Helena, Beaufort.*
" Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*
" Alexander Gregg, *Rector of St. David's Church, Cheraw.*
" Charles H. Hall, *Rector of St. John's, John's Island.*
" Christian Hanckel, D. D., *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro',*
" James S. Hanckel, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish and Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.*
" Wm. H. Hanckel, *Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.*
" Robert Henry, D. D., *Professor in the S. C. College.*
" Rob't T. Howard, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*
" Wm. B. W. Howe, *Rector of St. John's, Berkley.*
" Joseph Hunter, *Rector of Prince Frederick's, Pee Dee.*
" Nathaniel Hyatt, *Rector of St. James's, Santee.*
" Benj. Johnson, *Rector of St. Matthew's Parish.*
" Paul T. Keith, *Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*
" Maurice H. Lance, *residing near Georgetown.*
" Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*
" Edward C. Logan, *officiating at the Church of the Messiah, and on plantations, North Santee.*
" Alex. W. Marshall, *Minister of St. John's Chapel, Hamp'd.*
" David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.*
" J. D. McCollough, *Rector of Calvary Church, Glenn Springs, and Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.*
" Stiles Mellichamp, *Rector of St. James's Church, James Island.*
" James W. Miles, *Professor in the Charleston College.*
" Edward Phillips, *Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.*
" C. C. Pinckney, Jr., *Assistant Minister of Grace Church,* Charleston.
" William T. Potter, *residing at Beaufort.*
" W. O. Prentiss, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*
" J. Maxwell Pringle, *Rector of Zion Church, Richland.*
" John J. Roberts, *Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.*
" Edward Reed, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*
" Joseph B. Seabrook, *Assistant to the Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*
" Richard S. Seely, *Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Laurens.*
" Peter J. Shand, ***Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.***

The Rev. Wm. W. Spear, *Rector of Grace Church, Charleston.*
" Isaac Swart, *Missionary at Jacksonville, Fa.*
" Paul Trapier, *Missionary at Calvary Church, Charleston.*
" Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*
" Edward T. Walker, *Rector of Christ Church, Wilton.*
" C. B. Walker, *residing at Edgefield Court House.*
" C. Wallace, *Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
" Benj. C. Webb, *Missionary in Prince William's Parish, among the slave population.*
" Arthur Wigfall, *Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.*
" Alsop Woodward, *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*
" Thomas J. Young, *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*

DEACONS.

The Rev. Jas. H. Elliott, *Minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.*
" L. Clement Johnson.
" James Ward Simmons, *Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
" Edwin Adolphus Wagner, *Minister of the Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsborough.*

Bishop, - - -	1
Presbyters, - - -	62
Deacons, - - -	4
Total, - -	67

The following Clergymen did not attend the meetings of the Convention, viz:—

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. J. W. Chanler.
" A. L. Converse.
" M. A. Curtis.
" F. P. Delavaux.
" S. Elliott.
" H. Elwell.
" J. R. Fell.
" R. Henry, D. D.
" C. P. Leverett.
" J. W. Miles.
" W. T. Potter.
" J. M. Pringle.

The Rev. R. S. Seely.
" C. B. Walker.
" B. C. Webb.—16.

DEACON.

The Rev. L. C. Johnson.

The following Clergymen of other Dioceses were admitted to seats under the twenty-third Rule of Order, viz: The Rev. J. H. Ede, of the Diocese of Toronto, Canada West; the Rev. J. H. Hanson, of the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. R. P. Johnson, of the Diocese of Virginia; the Rev. M. Harris, of the Diocese of Maryland, Chaplain U. S. Army, at Fort Moultrie; the Rev. Dr. Shepard, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the Rev. J. H. Fowles, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Also, candidates for Holy Orders, Messrs. R. H. Mason and A. Moore.

LIST OF PARISHES AND CHURCHES,

IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR FOUNDATION ANNEXED.

St. Philip's (original Church, built 1681,) *Parish*,			1704,
St. James's,	Parish,	Santee,	1706, April 9.
St. Andrew's,	"		1706, Nov. 30
St. Bartholomew's,	"		1706, " "
Christ Church,	"		1706, " "
St. James's,	"	Goose Creek,	1706, " "
St. John's,	"	Berkley,	1706, " "
St. Thomas & St. Dennis's,	"		1706, " "
St. Paul's,	"	Stono,	1706, " "
St. Helena's,	"	Beaufort,	1712, " "
Prince George's,	"	Winyaw,	1721,
St. John's,	"	John's Island,	1734,
Prince Frederick's,	"	1734, Chapel Peedee,	1838,
Prince William's,	"		1745,
St. Michael's,	"	1751, Church built	1761,
St. Mark's,	"	Clarendon,	1757,
All Saints',	"	Waccamaw,	1767, May 23.
St. Luke's,	"		1767, " "

St. Matthew's,	"	1768,
St. David's,	"	1768, Church, Cheraw, 1820,
Church on Edisto Island,	"	1774,
Claremont Church,	Stateburg,	1788,
St. Helena Church,	St. Helena Island,	
Pineville & Upper St. John's,		1807,
St. Paul's Church,	Radcliffeborough,	1810,
Trinity "	Columbia,	1812,
Grace "	Sullivan's Island,	1817,
St. Paul's "	Pendleton,	about 1821,
Christ "	Greenville,	1825
Grace "	Camden,	1830,
St. James's "	James Island,	1831,
St. Peter's "	Charleston,	1833,
Trin ty "	Society Hill,	1833,
Christ "	Wilton,	1834,
Holy Trinity "	Grahamville,	1834,
Trinity "	Edgefield,	1835,
St. John's "	Fairfield,	1839,
St. Philip's "	Bradford Springs,	1841,
Trinity, "	Abbeville,	1842,
Church of the Messiah,	North Santee,	1842,
Church of St. Thaddœus,	Aiken,	1842,
Emmanuel Church,	Chester,	1843,
Zion Church,	Richland,	1844,
Church of the Epiphany,	Laurens,	1846,
Grace Church,	Charleston,	1846,
St. Luke's Church,	Newberry,	1846,
Ascension Church,	Gillisonville,	1847,
Church of the Advent,	Spartanburg,	1847,
Church of the Holy Apostles,	Barnwell,	1850,
Calvary Church,	Glenn's Springs,	1850,
Church of the Holy Communion,	Cannonsborough,	1848,
Grace Church,	Anderson C. H.,	1851,
Church of the Redeemer,	Orangeburg C. H.,	1851.

Total, 53

CONGREGATIONS

NOT ENTITLED TO A REPRESENTATION IN THE CONVENTION.

St. Stephen's Chapel,	Charleston,	1822,	}	*Mission Coongregations*
St. John's, "	Hampstead,	1839,		
Calvary, Church,	Charleston,	1849,		

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

Charleston, February 12th, 1851.

This being the day appointed by the last Convention for the *sixty-second* Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, a large number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Michael's Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer, with the Litany, was said by the Rev. J. Ward Simmons. The Ante-communion Service was read by the Rev. P. T. Keith. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. S. Arthur. The Bishop then proceeded to administer the Holy Communion, assisted in the delivery of the elements, by the Rev. Messrs. Keith, J. R. Walker and Shand.

A short recess having been taken after the Episcopal Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, the Roll called by the Secretary, and a Constitutional quorum of both Orders found present.

The following Clergymen answered to their names:

BISHOP.

The Rt. Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,
" W. H. Barnwell,
" C. T. Bland,
" J. B. Campbell,
" A. H. Cornish,
" J. H. Cornish,
" T. F. Davis,
" W. Dehon,
" C. P. Elliott,
" P. Gadsden,
" C. P. Gadsden,
" P. T. Gervais,
" R. Graham,
" A. Glennie,
" A. Gregg,
" C. H. Hall,
" C Hanckel, D. D.
" J. S. Hanckel,
" W. H. Hanckel,
" R. T. Howard,
" W. B. W. Howe,
The Rev. J. Hunter,
" N. Hyatt,
" B. Johnson,
" P. T. Keith,
" M. H. Lance,
" A. W. Marshall,
" D. McElheran,
" J. D. McCollough,
" S. Mellichamp,
" E. Phillips,
" C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
" J. B. Seabrook,
" P. J. Shand,
" P. Trapier,
" J. R. Walker,
" E. T. Walker,
" C. Wallace,
" A. Wigfall.
" A. Woodward,
" T. J. Young.

DEACONS.

The Rev. J. H. Elliott,
" J. W. Simmons,
The Rev. E. A. Wagner,

The list of the Clergy, furnished by the Bishop, was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Young, Hyatt and Campbell, who reported as follows :

The Committee, on the list of the Clergy, report as follows, viz :—

1. That the following Clergymen are entitled to *all the privileges* of Members of this Convention, viz :—

Presbyters.

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,
" W. H. Barnwell,
" J. B. Campbell,
" A. L. Converse,
" A. H. Cornish,
" J. H. Cornish,
" M. A. Curtis,
" T. F. Davis,
" William Dehon,
" C. P. Elliott,
" S. Elliott,
" J. R. Fell,
" P. Gadsden,
" C. P. Gadsden,
" R. Graham,
" A. Glennie,
" A. Gregg,
" C. H. Hall,
" C. Hanckel, D. D.
" J. S. Hanckel,
" W. H. Hanckel,
" R. T. Howard,
" W. B. W. Howe,
" J. Hunter,
" N. Hyatt,
" B. Johnson,
" P. T. Keith,
" C. E. Leverett,
" E. C. Logan,
" D. McElheran,
" J. D. McCollough,
" S. Mellichamp,
" E. Phillips,
" C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
" W. O. Prentiss,
" John J. Roberts,
" J. M. Pringle,
" E. Reed,
" J. B. Seabrook,
" R. S. Seely,
" P. J. Shand,
" W. W. Spear,
" J. R. Walker,
" E. T. Walker,
" A. Wigfall,
" A. Woodward,
" T. J. Young.

Deacon.

The Rev. J. H. Elliott.

2. That the following are entitled to all the privileges of Members, except the right to vote in matters relating to the temporal affairs of the Churches, viz :—

The Rev. C. T. Bland,
" H. Elwell,
" A. W. Marshall,
" P. Trapier,
" B. C. Webb,
" C. Wallace.

Deacon.

The Rev. J. W. Simmons.

3. That the following Clergymen are entitled to *seats*, but not votes, viz :—

Presbyters.

The Rev. F. P. Delavaux,
" P. T. Gervais,
" R. Henry, D. D.
" M. H. Lance,
" J. W. Miles,
" C. B. Walker,

Deacon.

The Rev. E. A. Wagner.

4. That the following are entitled to neither *seats* nor *votes*, viz :—

Presbyters.

The Rev. J. W. Chanler, The Rev. I. Swart.
" W. T. Potter,

Deacon.

The Rev. L. C. Johnson.

This report was afterwards amended by transferring the name of the Rev. J. J. Roberts to List No. 3, he not having been twelve months in the Diocese.

The Report was then agreed to.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were called for, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Clarkson, Hayne, and S. White.

This Committee reported that the following gentlemen were elected to represent the several Parishes and Churches, viz :—

St. Philip's, Charleston, Daniel Huger, *H. D. Lesesne, *Edward McCrady, J. J. Pringle Smith.

St. James's, Santee, William Lucas, Dr. P. Mazyck, *C. C. Pinckney, *A. E. Gadsden.

St. Andrew's Parish, William B. Pringle, N. R. Middleton, Dr. T. D. Grimke, *F. S. Holmes.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Christ Church Parish, *Dr. Robert S. Bailey, George F. Kinloch.

St. James's Parish, Goose Creek.

St. John's Parish, Berkley.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis's Parish.

St. Paul's Parish, Stono.

St. Helena's, Beaufort, Dr. Thomas Fuller, Dr. B. B. Sams, *Hon. R. W. Barnwell.

Prince George's, Winyaw, J. Harleston Read, Sen, *A. Toomer Porter, J. B. Pyatt, J. G. Henning.

St. John's, John's Island, *D. J. LaRoche, S. P. Chisolm, Richard La Roche.

Prince Frederick's Chapel, Peedee, *Hon. R. F. W. Allston, *Col. A. H. Belin, Col. R. S. Izard.

Prince William's, *F. G. Fraser, *James Cuthbert, Thomas M. Hanckel.

St. Michael's, Charleston, *Dr. I. M. Campbell, *Hon. W. J. Grayson, *Col. A. P. Hayne, *Dr. J. P. Jervey.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

All Saints', Waccamaw, *John H. Tucker, *Francis M. Weston, Thomas Pinckney Alston, *Plowden C. J. Weston.

St. Luke's Parish, *William L. Hamilton, William Pope, Sen., G. H. Guerard, Dr. Geo. M. Stoney.

St. Matthew's Parish, *Dr. C. R. Thomson.

St. David's, Cheraw.

Church on Edisto Island, Dr. B. W. Seabrook, *Dr. Wm. M. Bailey, J. J. R. Wescoat, Dr. Edward Mitchell.

Claremont Church, Stateburg, *Dr. M. Reynolds, *Dr. W. James, John J. Moore.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island, Joseph D. Eddings.

Pineville and Upper St. John's.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, *C. R. Brewster, *Capt. T. Paine, T. G. Simons, Sen., Robert Martin.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, Col. I'On, *James L. Petigru, *Wm. Jervey, *J. F. Blacklock.

St. Paul's, Pendleton.

Christ Church, Greenville, *Wm. B. Leary, Col. W. B. Thompson.

Grace Church, Camden.

St. James's, James Island, *John Rivers, John D. Kirby.

St. Peter's, Charleston.

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

Christ Church, Wilton, Col. Lewis Morris, Col. Joseph E. Jenkins, *Joseph W. Faber, James Meggett.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, *C. C. Dupont, James Boland, *Alexander Moultrie, Gen. J. H. Howard.

Trinity Church, Edgefield.

St. John's, Fairfield.

St. Philip's, Bradford Springs, James Gaillard, Thomas W. Porcher, *Charles Sinkler, *William Burrows.

Trinity Church, Abbeville.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee, Andrew Johnstone, James R. Pringle, James H. Ladson, *Simons Lucas.

St. Thaddæus, Aiken.

Emmanuel Church, Chester.

Zion Church, Richland, *T. B. Clarkson.

Church of the Epiphany, Laurens.

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* All those marked with an asterisk (*) were present.

Grace Church, Charleston, F. P. Elford, *B. S. Rhett, *Dr. Green, *William Whaley.

St. Luke's Church, Newberry.

Ascension Church, Gillisonville.

Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.

Church of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell.

Calvary Church, Glenn Springs, Dr. J. Winsmith, *Dr. M. A. Moore.

The names of the Lay Delegates were called, and a quorum was found present.

The President then declared the Convention to be duly organized, and ready to proceed to business.

The following Clergymen were admitted to seats in the Convention, under the twenty-third Rule of Order, viz :—

The Rev. J. H. Hanson of the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. J. H. Ede, of the Diocese of Toronto, Canada West; the Rev. R. P. Johnson, of the Diocese of Virginia; and the Rev. M. Harris, of the Diocese of Maryland, Chaplain in U. S. Army, at Fort Moultrie.

The Rules of Order were then read.

On motion of the Rev. C. P. Elliott, the ballot for a Secretary was dispensed with, and the Rev. C. Wallace unanimously re-elected. The Rev. P. T. Keith having desired to be excused from serving as Assistant Secretary the present year, the Secretary appointed the Rev. E. A. Wagner his Assistant.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on application of Churches to be received into Convention, viz :—Dr. I. M. Campbell and Messrs. White and Sinkler.

Applications were received from Grace Church, Anderson, C. H., the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg C. H., and the Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsborough, and referred to this Committee.

The following gentlemen were appointed the Committee on Unfinished Business, viz:—The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, and Messrs. Wm. Jervey, and Holmes.

Also, the Committee on Finance, consisting of Messrs. Blacklock, Grayson, and P. C. J. Weston.

The Bishop appointed as Preacher for the next Convention, the Rev. H. Elwell, and as his substitute, the Rev. C. H. Hall.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina respectfully report, that they have recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders, the Rev. George Lewis Platt, Rev. J. D. McCollough, Rev. C. T. Bland, and the Rev. Joseph B. Seabrook.

For Deacon's Orders, Mr. Edwin A. Wagner:

And as a Candidate for Orders, Mr. Edward E. Bellinger.
12*th Feb.*, 1851. C. Hanckel, *President.*

The Committee on the application of Churches reported in favor of the reception of the three Churches, whose application had been referred to them.

On motion, Grace Church Anderson C. H., was received into union with the Convention; but this vote was subsequently reconsidered, and the Report of the Committee referred back to them for amendment.

They then made an amended Report as follows:—

The Committee, to which was referred the application of Grace Church, Anderson, respectfully Report, That in addition to the sum raised for the support of a Minister, mentioned in the application, they have ascertained that the applicants have had a lot given to them, and have raised five hundred dollars already towards building a Church. Your Committee have assurances also upon which they rely, that the sum raised for the support of the Minister will be continued and probably increased.

I. M. Campbell, *Chairman.*

Grace Church, Anderson C. H. was thereupon admitted into union with the Convention. The Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg, and the Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsborough, were also severally admitted.

After prayers, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Thursday, February 13, 1851.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. C. T. Bland. After the dismission of the Congregation, the Convention was called to order, the roll called, and a quorum found present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and amended.

The names of members absent yesterday were called, and the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats, viz: The Rev. W. W. Spear, The Rev. E. Reed, and Messrs. Thomas Fuller, M. D.; Gen. J. H. Howard, J. J. Pringle Smith, S. P. Chisholm, Col. Lewis Morris, and F. P. Elford.

Tellers were appointed for the election of a new Standing Committee, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Shand, McCollough, and Mellichamp, for the Clergy; and Messrs. Chisolm, Peyre and Whaley, for the Laity.

The ballot was then called for, and taken by Orders.

Tellers for Deputies to the General Convention, were appointed, viz:

For the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. C. P. Elliott, Dehon and Marshall. For the Laity, Dr. Green, and Messrs. Faber and Dupont.

The Committee on unfinished Business reported as follows:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully Report, That they have examined the Journal of last year, and find nothing on its pages calling for action by this Convention. The Journal of the last General Convention has not yet been received.

J. S. HANCKEL.

The Committee on the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, reported as follows:

The Trustees for "Aged and Infirm Clergy" respectfully Report a statement of their receipts and disbursements furnished by the Treasurer.

C. E. GADSDEN, *Chairman.*

Fund for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, in account with JAS. R. PRINGLE, *Treasurer.*

	Dr.	
1850		
June 20.	To paid Rev. A. Fowler,	$ 81 71
July 24.	" " Rev. F. P. Delavaux,	81 71
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	111 58
		$275 00

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1850		
Feb'y. 20	By Balance from last account,	$ 144 17
April 16	By collection at Trinity Church, Edgefield, from Rev. Ed. Reed,	20 00
Nov. 2	" Christ Church Parish, rec. from Rev. J. R. Fell,	10 00
Oct. 25	By " St. Michael's Church,	52 90
" "	By " St. Philip's Church, rec. from Rt. Rev. C. E. Gadsden,	33 43
Dec. 22	By " All Saints, Waccamaw, from Rev. A. Glennie,	8 00
1851		
Feb'y 8	By " Calvary Church, from Rev. Paul Trapier,	6 50
		$275 00
	By balance brought down,	111 58

JAMES R. PRINGLE, *Treasurer.*

Charleston, 12th February, 1851.

Messrs. N. R. Middleton, J. R. Pringle, and J. W. Faber, were reappointed Trustees of this fund.

The vote was then taken for a Standing Committee, and the following reported as re-eleeted, viz:—

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.,	Dr. I. M. Campbell,
" P. T. Gervais,	H. D. Lesesne,
" P. T. Keith,	E. R. Laurens,
" Paul Trapier,	J. H. Ladson,
" J. S. Hanckel,	C. G. Memminger.

Certificates were received, referred to the Committee, and reported on in favor of the following Lay Delegates, viz :—

St. Thomas's Parish—J. L. Nowell, John Huger, Jun., Dr. E. Ravenel.

Zion Church, Richland—*Hon. D. E. Huger.

Pineville and Upper St. John's—Maham Palmer, *S. Walter Peyre, Julius Porcher.

St. John's, Berkley—*Dr. Benjamin Huger, *Sims White, *John Harleston, K. S. Ball.

Prince William's Parish—*E. J. Webb.

St. Peter's, Charleston—*C. G. Memminger, C. A. DeSaussure, *J. M. Coffin, Edward Barnwell, Jr.

St. John's, Fairfield—Samuel Du Bose.

Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsborough—*Benjamin S. Heriot, Alexander R. Haig, *William T. Sanders, Major P. V. Hagner.

The Churches were called upon for their quotas to the expenses of the Convention.

The Bishop's Address was then read, as follows :—

Brethren, the Presbyters, Deacons, and Laymen of the Convention:

It is permitted me, under the good Providence of our Heavenly Father, to deliver this my eleventh annual Address, and as heretofore, the statements required by the VIIIth Canon of 1841, in the suggested *order*, will be presented :—

Canonical visits, (14 in number) have been made :—To St. John's Berkley, 2 days; St. Helena's, Beaufort, 4 days; Grahamville; St. Helena's on the Island; Camden; Columbia; Cheraw; Society Hill; Mar's Bluff; Laurensville; Glen Springs, 5 days; Spartanburg, 2 days; St. John's, Colleton, and Edisto Island.

Informal visits, (thirty in number) were made, to St. James's Parish, Goose Creek, 2 days; St. John's, Hampstead, on 5 occasions; St. Paul's, Charleston; Aiken, three days, on three occasions; Summerville, on four occasions; Darlington; Winnsborough; Unionville; Calvary, Charleston, on 3 occasions; St. Michael's, on 2 occasions; Orangeburg; Branchville; also, out of the Diocese—Washington City, on 2 occasions; Niagara, New-York; Virginia, in two of the churches at Wheeling and Key West, on 5 days.† Some of the Parishes and stations, not visited in 1850, may expect a visit in 1851, and they are requested to regard this as a Canonical notification.

I. The number of the "confirmed" on 33 occasions, 8 of them in private was, viz: of St. Peter's, 1; St. Philip's, 20; St. John's, (B.) 19; St. Helena's, 49; Grahamville, 20; Camden, 11; St. John's, Hampstead, 17; Columbia, 15; Cheraw, 5; Society Hill, 1; Mar's

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* Present.

† Particulars respecting these visits were from time to time published in the Gospel Messenger.

Bluff, 4; Calvary at Glen Springs, 1; Winnsborough, 11; St. Stephen's, Charleston, 12; St. John's, Colleton, 13; Edisto Island, 1; St. Michael's, 31; St. Paul's, (R.) 10; Grace, 1; Holy Communion, 1; Calvary, Charleston, 5; Key West, 38. Total, 286.

As "Candidates for Holy Orders" have been received, Richard Henry Mason, (transferred from North Carolina,) and Edward Edmund Bellinger, and (previously reported,) J. G. Drayton, who has satisfactorily passed all his examinations, but was prevented by ill health from receiving Holy Orders; A. Moore, and P. G. Jenkins, who is at the General Theological Seminary.

The Ordained were, as a Deacon, E. A. Wagner; and as Priests, G. L. Platt, J. D. McCollough, C. T. Bland, and J. B. Seabrook.

II. "The changes among the Clergy" are as follows: The Rev. R. D. Shindler's transference to the Diocese of Maryland has been accepted, and *that* of Rev. J. Obear, to the Diocese of Vermont, and *that* of Rev. J. H. Smith, to the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. John J. Roberts's transference from the Diocese of North Carolina to our Diocese, has been accepted, and he is officiating as Rector of St. John's, Winnsborough.

The Rev. C. C. Pinckney has been elected Assistant Minister of "Grace Church," Charleston; and the Rev. R. Seely, of the Church of the Epiphany, Laurens, as I have been canonically informed. The Rev. J. H. Elliott, Deacon, with the consent of the "Ecclesiastical authority," has removed from serving St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, to the service of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

The Rev. Andrew H. Cornish has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Pendleton, and accepted the charge of a school in St. Thomas's Parish, where he officiates as Assistant to the Rector.

The Rev. E. C. Logan has been invited to officiate at the Churches and plantations, North Santee.

The Rev. G. L. Platt has resigned the charge of the school at All Saints, Waccamaw, and has been transferred to the Diocese of New-York.

The Rev. E. A. Wagner, Deacon, is officiating at the Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston.

The "great and last change" on earth, we doubt not to his great and endless happiness, has passed upon our venerable Brother, the Rev. A. Fowler, A. M. Our excellent friend had attained the age of 90 years and 6 months, and as long as his faculties permitted, he faithfully served the Church to which he had given his vows in adult baptism, (his parents having been non-Episcopalians,) and in ordination. Many Parishes and Missionary stations have had the benefit of his services, and he was the author of several valuable publications.

Four persons have been examined for Priest's Orders, and a candidate had his first examination, and his second *in part*, conducted by two Presbyters canonically authorized.

On the 18th July, the Church of the Epiphany, Laurens, and on the 21st, Calvary Church, Glen Springs, were consecrated. The corner stone of the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg village was laid on the 23d July. On the 5th January, 1851, St. Paul's Church, Key West, was consecrated.

On eight occasions, I officiated specially for the class of servants, (white persons being also present,) viz: In St. John's, (B.) at Mr. J. Laurens's; in Grahamville, at the Church; in Prince William's Parish, at Mr. W. H. Trescot's; in St. Helena's, at Mr. J. J. Smith's, Mrs. M. Stuart's, Mr. A. Seabrook's; at "Old Town," and on Paris Island; and also on Wednesday nights, weekly, at St. Stephen's, Charleston. Of this class, were confirmed 136.

The institution of a school or college for the Diocese not being practicable at present, a school for each large parish, or one for two or more smaller parishes, of which the Rector and Assistant Minister should be visitors, is a measure which has been earnestly recommended, and it is gratifying to be able to state, that "the Parish School of St. Philip's Church" and of St. Thaddæus, Aiken, are in successful operation, and has been for more than a year. There are also connected with the same parish, and with Trinity Church, Columbia, and St. Stephen's, Charleston, schools, for small children, taught gratuitously, or at a low charge, which are doing good in full proportion to the encouragement, extended to them.

The four Societies, auxiliary to the Diocese, have engaged a part of my time. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for the aged and infirm Clergy, I regret to have to state, that the collection, on Thanksgiving day, for their relief, recommended by the Convention, has been made in only a few of the congregations, and that the amount obtained was very small. It is with gratification I report, and with thankfulness, that the generous benefactor, who last year sent me $200, for specified, pious, and charitable purposes, has repeated the gift to the same amount, for the same specified purposes, namely—"for disabled Ministers, $20; for widows of Destitute Ministers, $20; Mariners, $15; Bible and Prayer Book Society, $10;" for Missions at Newberry, $50; at Laurens, $50; Diocesan, $20, and balance, $15, "as you may feel disposed." This balance has been applied to the education of a promising youth, who, it is hoped, will devote himself to the sacred Ministry, and whose mother is a widow, with small means. The other donations have been appropriated according to the direction of the generous donor.

For *Missions* in our own State, was received, from

Columbia,	$152 00	John's Island,	$13 00
St. Helena's Island, for Chester,	10 00	St. Michael's,	50 50
Camden,	25 00	Prince Frederick's,	11 00
Anonymous for Laurens,	50 00	Anonymous,	20 00
Do. Newberry,	50 00	Pineville & Up'r. St. John's,	75 81
Society Hill,	30 00	Charleston Missi'y Lecture,	34 00
Gregory Society of St. Philip's, Charleston,	50 00	St. Philip's Church,	40 00
Miss P. and Mrs. Izard,	100 00	Anonymous,	6 50
Claremont,	25 00	St. Paul's Charleston,	5 00
Waccamaw,	36 10	A Servant of St. Paul's,	1 00
		Georgetown,	18 10
		Edisto,	5 00

The amount not designated was $279 91, and there was paid for

Rail Road Ticket,	60 00	Clinton,	$13 00
Barnwell Mission,	8 00	Anderson,	20 00
Chester,*	54 75	St. Stephen's & St. John's, Charleston,	75 81
Calvary, Charleston,	50 00		
Abbeville,	50 00		

Total, $331 56.—Excess, 51 65

The whole amount was contributed by five individuals, a Sewing Society, and fourteen congregations. There are fifty or more in the Diocese.

For *Missions*, at my request, "the Advancement Society" placed at my disposal $160, which enabled me to institute a Mission at Orangeburg, Ridgeville, Clinton, and Barnwell Court House. The several Clergymen temporarily employed, will report to the Convention, and to the "Advancement Society."

Besides the amount reported by me for Missions in this State, there is a considerable amount disbursed by "the Advancement" and "the P. E. Female Domestic Missionary Society,"

Of the 29 districts in South-Carolina, some have not a single Missionary of our Church: some have (though very populous) only one, and no one has as many Missionaries as might usefully be employed. We have only 17 Missionaries. Will not our friends enable us to multiply them greatly? But the Missionary spirit, we fear, is rather in a drooping state, judging from the number of contributors, the amount collected, and the very few, either of Clergy or Laity, who attend the monthly Missionary Lecture, instituted by my excellent predecessor, for the purpose of diffusing information, as to Missions; of invoking for them the favor of God, (the special prayer was prepared by him,) and of inciting the Church to be more and more zealous in this holy cause. The duty of the Church, I need not remind you, is both conservative and propagative—to guard and to extend the kingdom of our blessed Lord. It may be added, that to make known the condition of the Missions of the Church in the Diocese, and the United States generally, and in foreign countries, is a work in which the periodical of this Diocese, the *Gospel Messenger*, is specially engaged, and that the number of subscribers do not indicate that many among us are much interested as to that intelligence.

May 20. In St. Paul's Church, at the anniversary celebration of the Sunday Schools in Charleston, I preached.

May 21. Whit Tuesday, in St. Michael's Church, at the anniversary meeting of "the P. E. Female Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Society," I presided, and read the annual Report.

May 22. A letter having been received from a Presbyter in a Diocese not having a Bishop, in which my opinion was solicited on this question—"Is visiting the house of worship of any sect of the Christian religion, when there is no service in the Church, such an offence against the rules of the Church as *might* subject the person to Church discipline?" My reply in substance was, that any "wrong" deed (see

* Since amount for Missions in Chesterfield district, if practicable, $200—also, $45 from Camden, and $15 from St. Helena's Island, for Chester, and $3 from James' Island.

the first Rubric before the order for Holy Communion) might be a cause for discipline, and that the deed (I meant "habitual" visiting) referred to, was wrong, as it countenanced heresy, or false doctrine, or schism, or superstition, or fanaticism, or some act disapproved by the Church; but that, from the prevailing ignorance of Church principles, and the many strong temptations to the offence named, the Pastor should be discreet, patient, and only when other means failed, proceed to any act of Church discipline.

June 28. By request of a Rector in this Diocese, to be provided with a service suitable for the 4th of July, I transcribed, for his use, the form printed in the "Clergyman's Companion," (New-York edition, 1843, page 105) which was set forth by the General Convention of 1785, and published in the "proposed Book of Common Prayer."

Sept. 24. In New-York, at the Triennial meeting of the Board of Trustees of our General Theological Seminary, being the senior Bishop present, I presided. The institution is now in successful operation, free from financial difficulties, and the professorships vacated by the resignation of two justly venerated professors, are supplied, the one temporarily, (that of Hebrew,) and the other (that of Systematic Theology,) by two reverend gentlemen, entitled to the full confidence of the Church, as to ability, learning, soundness in the faith, and piety. A resolution, offered by me, was passed as follows:—

"Whereas a question may arise, whether, under the legacy of the late "Mr. Kohne, the Diocese of Pennsylvania, or the Diocese of South-"Carolina, or both of them, are entitled to an additional number of "Trustees. *Therefore, Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to "ascertain the facts, and report to this Board at the next annual meet-"ing." The Chair appointed as the Committee, Bishop Gadsden, Bp. Potter, and E. A. Newton, Esq.

October 2, to 16, inclusive,—In Cincinnati, Ohio, I was present at the stated session of the General Convention, and at several meetings of the P. E. Sunday School Union, and of the Board of Missions; also at a meeting of the Historical Society, lately instituted to collect and preserve publications and manuscripts relating to our Church.

November 27. A circular was addressed to the Presbyters and Deacons of the Diocese, recommending the use of a prayer set forth by me, during the then session of the Legislature of our State.

November 30. St. Andrew's day, a circular was addressed to "each Presbyter and Deacon, and their congregations, setting forth "an Order of Services" for, and earnestly recommending the faithful observance of the "fast day," (December 6,) appointed by the Legislature, in reference to the condition of our political affairs. It is, with much regret, that I have to state this solemn day was not marked by public worship in all of our parishes. The attendance in no one was by any means as large as was reasonably expected, and it is known that some, who profess and call themselves Christians did not "withdraw from secular business and recreation." The non use and the abuse of the holy days, appointed by the Ecclesiastical or the Civil authority, but more especially of the Christian Sabbath, appointed by Divine authority, are painful recollections to the believer, and naturally awaken the apprehension that heavy judgments may come, and soon, on our guilty land.

It will be recollected, that, in my Address at the last Convention, a law of the College of South-Carolina, was referred to, as being regarded by many members of our Church, (some of whom had invited my attention to it,) as a just cause for respectful remonstrance. No modification of this law, which we think will ultimately bear hard on all Christians, (however a particular denomination, may, for a time, be exempt from its operation,) has as yet, been made. Again, therefore, with all due respect, attention is invited to it, and an opinion respecting it cannot be so well set forth by me, as it is by a correspondent of the Columbia Daily Telegraph, from which I quote, only making slight alterations :—"We take it for granted, that the citizens of South "Carolina are entitled to equal privileges in their own State institution. "This college law, aforesaid, is an infringement of the religious rights "of all Christian denominations, (except the Presbyterians.) To es- "cape the present operation of this law, an unreasonable demand is "made upon the consciences of all persons who are not Presbyterians. "It is uncalled for by parents generally, who naturally take the deepest "interest in the professed object of it. It is so worded, that a son's "escape from its operation, can only be made by a written declara- "tion of the parent, which is in its nature uncourteous and offensive "towards the Chaplain, whether he takes of fence at it or not. It is "without precedent in the South-Carolina College, and, (as we be- "lieve,) in any other in our country, and has never been in existence "or operation before the incumbent became Chaplain. It works a "special wrong and injury to Epscopalian students, in obliging them "to abandon their Liturgical worship, and to conform (outwardly at "least,) to a mode new and strange, and opposed to their own; be- "sides placing them under an influence, and a teaching which are calcu- "lated to produce sectarianism. It seems to be regardful of one's re- "ligious rights, by exempting "Communicants," who are the very few, "from its obligation, whilst it inconsistently constrains the many who "are equally members of the Church to fail in their duty of worshiping "where inclination and baptism vows would lead them—thus directly "tending too, to prevent her members from becoming Communicants "during their college course. The professed "sole purpose of the "law" can be accomplished, as heretofore, in a degree satisfactory to "parents, by means of the monitorial system, as is customary in other "colleges. The law has had and will continue to have a tendency to "prevent students entering the South-Carolina College!"

The request, in my Address of last year, I embrace this opportunity to repeat, viz : that each member of our Church who has not the opportunity of clerical ministrations, will inform me as to his or her place of residence, and also the names of their children, in order that the endeavor may be made to supply them with the services of the Church. The means at my disposal do not admit the sending to such localities, resident Pastors, and the only remedy is an itinerant Minister, whose duty shall be, once or oftener, in the year, to officiate in the neighborhood of each individual, who is a member of our Church.

The founders, and patrons, and friends of our "Church Home," instituted in 1849, must be gratified to know, that a measure substantially the same, was approved by "the House of Bishops" at their recent

session, so far as to appoint a committee to consider "whether some "plan cannot be, devised, by which, consistently with the principles of "our reformed faith, the services of intelligent and pious persons of "both sexes, may be secured in the education of the young, the relief "the sick and destitute, the care of orphans and friendless emigrants, "and the reformation of the vicious." The publication of the Committee of our "Church Home," and references to it in my Address of the last year, and in "the Gospel Messenger," will supply full information as to that meritorious institution, and it is cordially commended to your "alms and prayers."*

The History of the Church, written by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, under the appointment of our "General Convention," 2d vol., is now for sale at the office of "the Gospel Messenger." Considering that the circulation of this work would be useful, and that it was due to the venerated author, who at much expense of time, labor and property, has thus substantially and permanently served the Church, I became responsicle for one hundred copies.

As usual, it is reported that the number of miles, on voyages and journeys, made by me on Church duty, during the year, was 6,889; and the number of letters received was 260; and that the official expenditures, including assistance to churches, Missions, Christian schools, &c., amounted to $1,501. The statement of items is placed on the table of the Secretary.

The request is respectfully made, that this Address, or a part of it, be read to the congregations, inasmuch as it contains statements in which they, and not the Convention only, are concerned. "And now, Brethren, I commend you (and the Diocese in general) to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified," through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

The vote was then taken by orders for Deputies to the General Convention.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Common, Convention and Permanent Funds reported as follows:—

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* "The Church Hospital" recently founded at New York is a similar institution.

Dr. *Bishop's Permanent Fund, in account with* John Hanckel, *Treasurer.* Cr.

1850	To cash paid for investments,	$6,533 33	1850	By balance from last year,	$ 144 29
	" Incidental Expenses,	242 42		" Interest and Dividends,	1,210 96
	" Bishop's Common Fund for 3-4ths Interest and Dividends received,	908 22		" Legacy,	4,875 00
				" Bonds collected,	1,100 00
				" Balance debit,	353 72
		$7,683 97			$7,683 97

Dr. *Bishop's Common Fund, in accont with* John Hanckel, *Treasurer.* Cr

1850			1850		
Dec. 31	To paid the Bishop four quarter's salary,	1,500 00	Jan. 1	By balance from last year,	916 23
	" Incidental Expenses,	40 25	Feb 25	" cash rec. from the following Churches:	
	" Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1,089 20		Prince Williams,	10
				Prince Frederick's, Pedee,	5
				St. John's Berkley,	50
				Claremont,	20
				St. John's Colleton.	50
				Edisto,	50
				St. Helena, Beaufort,	35
				Prince George, Winyah,	50
				St. Michael's, for 1849,	300
				St. Bartholomew's,	25
				James Island,	5
				Grace Church, Camden,	10
				St. Peter's, Charleston,	100
				St. Mathews,	5
				Christ Church, Wilton,	15
				Christ Church Parish,	5
				Pineville & Up. St. Johns,	10
				St. Thomas,	20
				St. Luke's,	15
				St. Helena, St. Helena Isl.	10
				Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville,	15
				Total from Churches,	805
				By Bishops Permanent Fund for transfer of 3-4ths annual income received,	908 22
		2,629 45			2,629 45

JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds, be required to give the usual security for the Bishop's Convention Fund.

Mr. Blacklock being on Jury duty, asked to be excused from serving on the Finance Committee, and was accordingly excused. Mr. Faber was appointed in his stead.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Organist of St. Michael's Church for her very acceptable services.

Resolved, That the usual compensation be paid to the Sexton of St. Michael's Church.

Resolved, That the usual number of copies of the Journal, &c., be printed.

Mr. Leary presented a Memorial from Christ Church, Greenville, as follows:

To the Rt. Rev. President and Reverend Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church of South-Carolina, in their annual Convention assembled:

The memorial of the Vestrymen and Church Wardens of Christ Church, Greenville, showeth:

That there are now but three Clergymen and five Church buildings in the back country districts, which contain about two hundred thousand inhabitants, chiefly of the white population—

That there are fifteen villages of some importance, where the Church should be established, and many densely populated neighborhoods which would justify the expense of a mission. That the present is an auspicious time for the introduction of the Church services and teaching. That the growing importance and increasing intelligence of the section in question, demands the earnest and united action of the Church in this Diocese, and that as you are the guardians of the interests and welfare of the Diocese, we humbly and earnestly pray that you will devise some means at your present sitting, by which the wants of this important missionary field shall in future be more definitely and effectually brought to the attention, and recommended to the prayerful consideration of the pious and charitable Churchmen of South-Carolina.

John Crittenden, *Warden.*	F. F. Beattie.
Vardry McBee,	E. P. Jones,
W. B. Leary, *Warden.*	Thos. M. Cox,
Wm. Irwin,	Thos. S. Arthur.

Resolved, That the several Rectors of Parishes be requested to preach an annual Sermon and take up a collection on Sunday, and transmit the proceeds thereof to the Bishop, to aid in the erection of Church edifices in the back country.

This Memorial was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Reverend Messrs. Arthur and McCollough, and Mr. Leary, to report at the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. Leary,

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention be held in Columbia.

The Tellers on the election of Deputies to the General Convention reported that the following gentlemen were re-elected, viz:

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.,	Benj. Huger, M. D.,
" " P. Trapier,	Hon. R. W. Barnwell,
" " J. R. Walker,	C. G. Memminger,
Hon. R. F. W. Allston,	

But that there was a want of concurrence in the two orders, in respect to one Clerical Deputy.

The vote was taken for one Clerical Deputy.

The Committee on Calvary Church reported as follows:

"The Committee of Calvary Church beg leave respectfully to Report: That since the last session of this body, the contributions received have enabled them to make the small improvement in the interior of the Church, referred to in their last report; to reduce the amount borrowed to pay the builder, (but for which the Church was in no way liable,) from $600 to $175, and with the aid of an appropriation from the Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, to pay a small salary to the Minister. All that remains to be done is to enclose the lot with a decent fence. The Committee have in hand the sum of $30 subscribed for that purpose, and hope that the entire amount required will soon be received.

"After paying the balance of $175 above mentioned, and putting up the fence, the principal work left for the Committee will be to make provision for the Minister's salary; and this they trust will be accomplished without much difficulty, by means of annual contributions from those whose servants belong to the congregation, and others interested in the object.

"In making this, their last Report, the Committee take great pleasure in stating that the work entrusted to them by the Convention, four years ago, has been brought to its present encouraging condition, under Providence, more speedily and with less difficulty than we had reason to anticipate. The growth of the congregation too, though not rapid, has been steady, and the benefit already realized in their improvement, is an ample reward for the good spirit in which this beneficent enterprise was conceived. For particulars on this head, the Committee refer to the Minister's Report, only remarking as an interesting circumstance, that they believe the Congregation and the Sunday School have been gathered without any material interference with the Congregations of our other Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY D. LESESNE, *Chairman.*"

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Calvary Church, to serve four years, viz:

H. D. Lesesne,	William Jervey,
Edward Lowndes,	Thos. M. Hanckel,
Geo. M. Coffin,	W. E. Martin.

Mr. Memminger proposed the following Canon:

CANON V.

Of Meetings of the Standing Committee and their action upon Testimonials.

The Standing Committee shall hold regular meetings quarterly, two weeks before the Ember days at the Four Seasons, and extra meetings whenever the President may see fit. Testimonials shall be considered and signed at the regular meetings only; and the application for the same shall be laid before the Committee for information at some meeting, regular or extra, at least one month before the regular meeting at which it may be brought up for action.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Hall to refer this Canon to the Standing Committee, to report to the next Convention, but the motion was lost.

The Canon was then adopted.

The Tellers of the Clerical vote for one Deptuy to the General Convention reported that one vote had been offered them, after they had counted the votes, and asked to be instructed as to its reception. The vote was ordered to be received on the present occasion; but, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Young, the twenty-first Standing Resolution was ordered to be amended by adding the following words, viz:

"And no vote shall be received after the Tellers begin to count the votes."

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and found the same correct and properly vouched. The balance in the Treasurer's hands is eighty-five 72-100 dollars—say $85 72. They report that Grace Church, Charleston, be assessed twenty dollars, $20.

JOSEPH W. FABER,
PLOWDEN C. J. WESTON, } *Committee.*

On motion, Grace Church, Charleston, was excused from contributing to the Bishop's Convention Fund for the present.

The Tellers reported that there was again no choice in the Clerical vote for a Deputy to the General Covention.

The vote being taken a third time, the Tellers reported the Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Jr., as elected by a majority of both Orders.

On motion of Mr. Memminger, the *Fifth Canon* was reconsidered for the purpose of amendment.

It was moved to lay it on the table, but the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Memminger, the Canon was amended by prefixing the words, "That from and after the first Sunday in Lent ensuing."

It was then moved to strike out from the Canon all after the words "see fit," but the motion was lost.

The question was then taken, by Orders, on the passage of the Canon as amended, and resulted as follows :

Of the Clergy—ayes, 15. Noes, 16.
Of the Laity—ayes, 16. Noes, 2.
Divided, 1.

There being a non-concurrence of the two Orders, the Canon was lost.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

C. E. GADSDEN, *President.*

ATTEST,

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL AND OTHER REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE BISHOP.

St. Philip's Church.

The Rt. Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D., Rector.
The Rev. J. Barnwell Campbell, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 1 colored adult; 15 white children; 14 colored; total, 31; one received into the congregation. Marriages, 10 white; 7 colored; total, 17. Burials, 28 white; 10 colored; total, 38. Communicants, 297 white; about 120 colored; total, 417. Non-Communicants, 315 white; colored, not known. Children under 14, 218 white; colored, not known. Families, 172 white; colored, not known. Children offered to be Catechised on 34 days, 65 white; 15 colored; total, 80. Confirmed by the Bishop, 10 white, 7 colored; total 17. Sunday School Teachers, 16 white; 10 colored; total, 26. Number of Scholars, 68 white; 50 colored; total, 118. In the School for the colored, the attendance is variable; the largest number present is set down. Public worship, St. Philip's Church, 52 Sundays; other days, 131; whole number of times, 243.

Remarks.—*Catechising.*—It was offered openly in the Church on the Sundays and Fridays, in Advent, in Lent, and on twelve other days in the summer, but on some days no child of color was present, and on no day was the number present, of either class, as many as might reasonably have been expected.

Sunday Schools.—The Rector, or Assistant, conduct the devotions, and teach every Sunday, but notwithstanding the advantages of our New Sunday School House, the pupils are fewer than in former years. A new Sunday School House has been built at the cost of $3112—$800 paid by the Vestry, $1500 by the sale of the old Sunday School House, (now used for the Parish Elementary School, for which purpose it has been given to the Vestry,) and the balance, $812, in part, has been paid by the congregation. There is still due about $300.

Week day Services.—They were held on the thirty-six "Holy Days," and on Mondays and Fridays of each week, and on the other four days of the week are services in other Churches in Charleston, to provide "a daily service."

Holy Communion.—It was administered on the five great festivals for which "proper prefaces" are provided, and on the first Sunday in each month; in public 17 times, in private 6 times.

Charity.—The alms at the Holy Communion amounted to $635 81¼

cts., less by $136 than was received the preceding year. There was only one thank offering of $2 50 cts. A faithful member of color bequeathed $25 for the poor of St. Philip's, which was distributed as he desired. An Alms Chest, made in England, (chiefly at the cost of P. W. Esq., of All-Saints Parish,) is now in the Vestibule, and we trust will effect a large addition to the amount of the Church offerings.

Missions.—The collections for Missions, Diocesan, Domestic, and Foreign, amounted to $644 85, ($95 less than we received last year,) and from the "Gregory Society" $50; from two ladies, Miss P. and Mrs. I. $100.

Special Collections.—Feb. 24, for Church at Laurensville, $62 53 cts.; on Good Friday, for the Mission to the Jews, $26; and on Thanksgiving day, for the aged and infirm Clergy, $33 43¾. For the New Sunday School House, after sermons, there were two collections, and the amount obtained was $199 60 cents.

Parish Schools.—The Classical, for Boys, is in successful operation, occupying, for the present, the eligible apartment kindly loaned us on the St. Stephen's lot. It has been provided, by the liberality of 9 individuals (at the cost of $1500) with an excellent site opposite the Church, and we trust in due season to obtain the means for the edifice, an appropriate plan for which has been prepared by E. B. White, Esq. The Elementary School for Girls is kept near the Church, in the old Sunday School House, which has been given for a daily school. It is in a promising condition, having nearly its full number of pupils. The children, in the Classical and in the Elementary School, attend week-day Services. The Teachers, male and female, *have* our entire confidence, and we ask for them and their interesting charge, the prayers of the faithful.

REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERS,

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

Christ Church, Greenville.

The Rev. Thos. S. Arthur, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 8 white children; 3 colored; total, 13* Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 51 white; 7 colored; total, 58. Non-Communicants, 65 white; 10 colored; total, 75. Children under 14, 70 white; 16 colored; total, 86. Families, 46 white; 6 colored; total, 52. Children catechised on 12 days, 25 white; 12 colored; total, 37. Sunday School, number of Teachers, 5 white. Number of Scholars, 30 white. Public worship, Christ Church; number of Sundays, 44; number of other days, 5; elsewhere, 8 Sundays; whole number of times, 57.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, Rector.

Baptisms—19 white children; 3 colored; total, 22. Marriages, 2 white; 5 colored; total, 7. Burials, 10 white; 1 colored; total, 11.

Communicants, 206 white; 45 colored; total, 251. Non-Communicants, about 178 white; about 100 colored; total, 278. Families, 135 white; 32 colored; total, 167. Children under 14, about 220 white; about 80 colored; total, about 300. Families belonging to other congregations, 13. Children catechised, about 40 white; about 60 colored; total, 100. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Sunday School Teachers, 27. Scholars, 113 white; about 100 colored; total, 213. Public Worship; St. Peter's; 49 Sundays; oiher days, 56; Lecture Room, 8; whole number of times, 162.

All-Saints' Parish.

C. T. Bland, Missionary.

Baptism—1 white child. Children catechised, 196 days, 161 colored. Public Worship, Plantation, 40 Sundays; other days, 3; whole number of times, 43.

Remarks.—During my visit to Charleston in November, I preached once at St. Philip's and once at St. Stephen's; read prayers once at St. Stephen's, once at St. John's, Hampstead. Savannah—assisted the Rector of St. John's 3 Sundays and 1 other day. Aiken—assisted the Rector of St. Thaddæus 2 Sundays and 4 other days. The remaining Sundays I was prevented, by sickness, from having services.

Church at Claremont.

The Rev. A. L. Converse, Rector.

Baptisms—10 colored adults; 3 white children; 35 colored; total, 48. Burials, 3 white; 1 colored; total, 4. Communicants, 42 white; 65 colored; total, 107. Non-Communicants, 45 white. Children under 14, 29 white. Families, 26 white. Children catechised, 4 days, 7 white. Public Worship, Claremont; 51 Sundays,; other days, 5; whole number of times, 56.

Remarks.—By the blessing of God, the piety and zeal of churchmen in this parish have led them to undertake the erection of a new Church. The ceremony of laying the Corner Stone took place in September, in form as follows: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Amen." This Corner Stone of the "Church of the Holy Cross," near Stateburg, Sumter District, was laid on the 11th day of September, A. D. 1850, (the Bishop of the Diocese being absent)'by the Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector of the Parish; the Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs, assisting in the service. Col. John J. Moore, Benjamin Hood, Esq., Marcus Reynolds, M. D., Wm. J. Rees, junr., and Bonneau Murray, Esq., being Vestrymen, and Wm. W. James, M. D., and Edward L. Murray, Esq., Wardens. Wm. W. Anderson, M. D., Henry L. Pinckney, junr., and Sam'l. J. Bradley, Esq., being the Building Committee. Edward C. Jones, Esq., of Charleston, Architect. The Right Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese. His Excellency, Whitmarsh B. Seabrook, Governor of the State. His Excellency, Millard Fillmore, President of the United States.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Within the Corner Stone were deposited the following documents, enclosed in a copper box: The "Holy Bible," the "Book of Common Prayer," "The Journal of the General Convention, for 1847," "The Journal of the Diocesan Convention, for 1850," copies of "the Charleston Gospel Messenger," for May, June, July and August, 1850; "The Churchman, New-York," "The Banner of the Cross," "The True Catholic," "The Spirit of Missions," "The Church Almanac," "The Gospel Messenger, Utica, New-York," "The Charleston Mercury," "The Southern Press, Washington," all of them late numbers; "A Catechism for the Religious Instruction of Persons of Color, prepared in conformity to a Resolution of the South-Carolina Convention, under the direction of the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of South-Carolina, 1837;" "A Catechism to be taught orally to colored children, by the Right Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina;" "The Act of Incorporation, Constitution and Statutes of the General Theological Seminary, 1849." Also, the usual record of Church and State officers, Vestry and Wardens, Building Committee and Architect.

Morning Prayer was said before and an Address delivered by the Rector after the ceremony of Laying the Corner Stone, and there seemed to be a deep interest taken and a heartfelt joy and gratitude experienced by the members and friends of the Church who were present in the solemnities of the occasion.

The dimensions of the Church are, from the west end of the Nave to the east end of the Chancel, 100 feet. From one end to the other of the Transept, 56 feet. Nave 25 feet wide inside. Transept the same width.

Thanks be to God for His goodness and mercy in putting this good work into the minds and hearts of us His unworthy servants! May He "further us with His continual help," and enable us to bring it to a happy conclusion.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

The Rev. A. H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children; 5 colored; total, 8. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4 white; 2 colored; total, 6. Communicants, 36 white; 4 colored; total, 40. Families, 25. Children catechised, 25 days, 15 white; 20 colored; total, 35. Public Worship, St. Paul's, Pendleton, 97 times; Trinity Church, Abbeville, 9 times; Anderson C. H., 7 times; whole number of times, 113.

Remarks—Holy Communion, St. Paul's, Pendleton, 12 times; alms, $72 28. Trinity Church, Abbeville, 6 times, (once at Mr. Thomas's plantation to 18 colored); alms, $23 97. Anderson C. H. once. There are at Abbeville 20 white and 18 colored communicants. At Anderson C. H. 7 white.

These statistics show that my labors were not confined to St. Paul's, Pendleton. Early in the year, the Vestry of Trinity Church, Abbeville, invited me to become their Minister, and visit them as often as possible. I accepted their invitation conditionallly, and engaged, by the help of God, to officiate for them on the second Sunday of each month.

The services named above as performed at Abbeville are the result. In November, I resigned the charge of St. Paul's, Pendleton, and also that of Trinity, Abbeville, and became Assistant Minister in the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

As for some unaccountable cause, my Report for 1849 did not find its place on the pages of the Journal, it may be proper to subjoin the statistical part of it. Number of services, St. Paul's, Pendleton, 102; Anderson C. H. 7; Trinity Church, Abbeville, 2; Laurens C. H., 1. Marriages, Pendleton, 1 white, 1 colored; Anderson, 1 white, 3 colored. Holy Communion, Pendleton, 13 times; Anderson, 1; Abbeville, 1. Baptisms, St. Paul's, Pendleton, adults, white, 1, infants, white, 2; Anderson C. H., adults, white, 1; Abbeville, infants, white, 3; total, 7. Sunday School for white and colored children one half of the year. Divine Service, St. Paul's, Pendleton, on several holy days, and most part of the Fridays of the year. On Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and daily during Passion Week. Offerings for Domestic Missions, $12 00. Confirmed by the Bishop, Pendleton, 5 white; Abbeville, 1 white; total, 6.

St. Thaddæus's Church, Aiken,

The Rev. John H. Cornish, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—5 white adults; 26 white children; 3 colored; total, 34. Marriages, 3 white; 1 colored; total, 4. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 27 white; 4 colored; total, 31. Families, 19 white; 2 colored; total, 21. Children catechised frequently in the Sunday School; one day before the Congregation. Number of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars, about the same as reported last year. Public Worship, St. Thaddæus's Church; 49 Sundays; other days, 30. Joice's Branch, 4 days. Shaw's Creek, 1 day. Barnwell C. H., 2 days. Clinton, 1 day; whole number of times, 146.

Collections—For the Mission to the Jews, on Good Friday, $8 82; for the Advancement Society, $4 65; for Domestic Missions, general, $21 82; alms, $73 29.

Remarks.—My health has been such as to deter me from visiting the Stations in the neighborhood of Aiken as often as I had intended. For the same cause I was absent from my Parish part of the Summer. My grateful acknowledgments are due to several of the Clergy, through whose kindness my flock was not left without the ministrations of the Gospel.

The year closes with brightening prospects. The cries of the poor and the perishing have not gone up to Heaven in vain. A devoted and tried servant of the Cross, trusting in God for support, has come to my assistance. We hope now, by the blessing of God, besides continuing the usual services at St. Thaddæus's Church, to carry the services of the Church on Sundays, once a month at least, to six or more stations, from eight to twelve miles distant from Aiken, besides keeping a select School, which we trust will be a nursery of the Church for "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." Good Lord, send us now prosperity for Jesus' sake!

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

The Rev. M. A. Curtis, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children. Marriages, 1 colored. Communicants, 20 white; 3 colored; total, 23. Non-Communicants, 12 white. Children under 14, 37 white. Families, 13 white. Children catechised, 7 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 colored. Public Worship, Trinity Church, 43 Sundays; other days, 21; whole number of times, 64 days,—includes a few services by other Clergymen.

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 13 white children; total, 15. Marriages, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 43; removed, 3; added, 6. Families, 38 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 white; 2 colored; total, 11. Sunday Schools—1 white Teacher; 12 white Scholars.

Remarks.—Monies collected—for Missions for this State, $70; for Foreign Missions, $25 25; for Domestic Missions, $30 30; for other purposes, $114 75.

St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.

The Rev. William Dehon, Rector.
The Rev. C. P. Gadsden, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—10 colored adults; 8 white children; 26 colored children; total, 44. Marriages, 2 white; 3 colored; total, 5. Burials, 3 white; 5 colored; total, 8. Communicants, 66 white; 102 colored; total, 168. Children under 14, 80 white. Families, 46 white. Children catechished 23 days, 30 white; 2 colored. Sunday Schools—9 white Teachers; 35 white Scholars. Public Worship; St. Stephen's; 33 Sundays; other days, 49; whole number of times, 95. Epiphany; 18 Sundays; other days, 2; whole number of times, 20. Trinity; 17 Sundays; other days, 1; whole number of times, 18. Pinopolis Chapel; 14 Sundays; whole number of times, 25; total number of times, 158.

Remarks.—In addition to the above mentioned services, there have been held on plantations, fifty-one Sunday and seventy-nine week-day services. The Holy Communion has been administered twenty-eight times in public, four times on plantations, and four times in private.

The amount contributed for Missions is $480. Alms collected at the Communion, $179.

St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms—4 colored adults; 3 white children; 13 colored; total, 20. Marriages, 1 white.

Remarks.—In the year 1850 I had under my pastoral care four Congregations, 2 white and 2 colored. The Congregation of St. Philip's Church consists of 19 Families and 40 Communicants. The Congre-

gation of the Hebron Church, of 9 Families and 6 Communicants. The colored congregation of the Church of Col. J. J. Moore, of about 150 or 200 worshippers, and 25 Communicants. The congregations of colored persons who worship near Manchester, of about 150 persons. I officiated, with the exception of two, every Sunday in 1850. I was so sick on one Sunday as to be incapable of attending the Sanctuary, and the extreme inclemency of the weather prevented a congregation from attending on the other. I officiated at St. Philip's Church on 29 Sundays; at the Church of Col. J. J. Moore, 8; at the plantation near Manchester, 6; at the Hebron Church, 3; at Stateburg, 4; at Charleston, 1; at Zion Church, Richland District, 1; at the city of Charlotteville, State of Virginia, 3,—having officiated on several Sabbaths and on the same Sabbath at two of those places mentioned in this report. I held Divine Service also on eight week days. The whole number of times that I officiated is 85. The whole number of miles that I travelled to fulfil my ministerial engagements is 1,515. The whole amount of my salary for 1850 is $330.

The above is an accurate statement of all matters essential to my report for 1850; no changes of importance worthy of notice, besides those mentioned, having taken place in my Parochial charge since my report for 1849.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—6 colored adults. Communicants, 108 colored. Public Worship, Christ Church.

Remarks.—Service has been held with scarcely an interruption on every Sunday during the Winter months, and on each alternate Sunday during the Summer. Distance from the Church renders this course necessary. The congregation is composed of the colored population. The work is arduous—the discouragements numerous—but while we "preach the Gospel to the poor" in accordance with the Divine injunction, our trust is in the arm and in the promise of the God of our salvation.

Darlington District.

The Rev. Henry Elwell, Missionary.

Reports, that during the year 1850, the services of the Church have been held 21 times at Mar's Bluff, and that the Lord's Supper has been administered 7 times; the utmost number of Communicants at any time being 8 persons, of whom 2 were colored. Three white persons and one colored person were confirmed at the Bishop's visit in the month of June. In addition to his duties at Mar's Bluff, the Missionary has assisted the Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill, in the services, when requested; and preached for him on nine occasions. He has also said prayers and preached twice for the Rector of St. David's Church, Cheraw.

Indisposition and the inclemency of the weather, have occasioned frequent interruptions to the Missionary in the course of the past year; in

which he has, however, travelled nearly 1000 miles, in performance of the duties of his Mission.

Christ Church Parish.

The Rev. John R. Fell, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; 5 white children; 9 colored; total, 20. Marriages, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Burials, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 29 white; 12 colored; total, 41. Non-Communicants, 11 white. Children under 14, 27 white. Families, 18. Families belonging to other congregations, 1. Children catechised, 20. Sunday Schools—3 white Teachers; 20 white scholars. Public Worship, Parish Church, 28 Sundays; other days, 2; total, 30. St. Andrew's Chapel, 38 Sundays; other days, 20; total, 58. Plantation, 12 Sundays—whole number of times, 100.

Remarks.—Collected for Missions, $33 33. For relief of disabled Clergymen, $10. Copies of the Bible and Prayer Book, suitable for desk service, were received from Miss M. R. Simons, as a Christmas offering to the Church. This was a needed and acceptable present, and showed a commendable zeal for God's House and its offices. We would also mention, that from a like zeal, the Vestry have determined, at their own expense, together with the aid they may receive from the congregation, to make certain changes in the interior arrangement of the Parish Church, with the view of rendering its condition more convenient, as well as more in accordance with what usage and the structure of the edifice require. Church buildings and their appurtenances, their cemeteries, and the holy furniture and vessels of the Sanctuary, are matters about which too much neglect is often manifested in country parishes. We are pleased therefore when we see the House of God cared for, and it is with real gratification that we have alluded to the above acts, as exhibiting some degree of that feeling on the part of those with whom we are ministerially connected.

St. Paul's Church, Stono; and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children; 8 colored; total, 12. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 19 white. Non-Communicants, 24 white. Children under 14, 38 white. Families, 18 white. Children catechised in Summerville on Sunday afternoons, 8 white. Public Worship, St. Paul's Church, Stono, and St. Paul's, Summerville; whole number of times of divine service, 64.

St. James's Church, Goose Creek.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Visiter.

This Church has been visited within the year 1850, 9 times. Morning service has been held and a Sermon preached on each occasion. The largest attendants are from the city during the December and Spring holidays. There are few attendants at other times, but those few seem desirous to have the Church kept open for the benefit of public worship. There is one Communicant in the Parish belonging to the Church.

All-Saints', Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—7 white children; 101 colored; total, 108. Marriages, 4 white; 18 colored; total, 22. Burials, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 41 white; 143 colored; total, 186. Non-Communicants, 40 white. Children under 14, 44 white. Families, 24 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 8 white. Children catechised on 10 Sundays, 15 white; 333 colored, on 119 days. Public Worship, Parish Church of All-Saints, 25 Sundays; other days, 14; Southern Parish Church, 21 Sundays; at the Summer Residence, 6 Sundays; on Plantations for the benefit of the negroes, other days, 184; whole number of times, 250.

Remarks.—The Communion Alms and contributions for Missionary and other purposes, amounted to $322 57¼.

Parish of St. David's, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alexander Gregg, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 9 white children; 2 colored; total, 13. Marriages, 3 white; 2 colored; total, 5. Burials, 5 white. Communicants, 23 white; 4 colored; total, 27. Non-communicants, 52 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 52 white; colored, uncertain. Families, 31 white. Children catechised more or less every Sunday. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Sunday Schools—4 white Teachers; 30 white Scholars; 20 to 30 colored. Public Worship, St. David's, 52 Sundays; other days, 11; Plantations and other places, other days, 22; whole number of times, 115. Contributions for Sunday Schools, $15 87½; Communion Alms, $28 42¼; Domestic Missions, $59; Foreign Missions, $64.

St. John's Church, John's Island.

The Rev. Charles H. Hall, Rector.

Baptisms—32 colored adults; 4 white children; 15 colored; total, 51. Marriages, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, 58 white; 336 colored; total, 394. Non-communicants, 64 white. Children under 14, 74 white. Families, 47 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 7 white. Children catechised Sundays, 9 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white; 11 colored; total, 12. Public Worship, St. John's, 35 Sundays, other days, 2; Chapel at the Rocks, 9 Sundays; other days, 11; whole number of times, 57. Private Communion, 4 times.

Remarks.—I have corrected the list of colored communicants, which I was before unable to do, and give the true number now residing on the island. The alms for the year are as follows: by collection and subscriptions promised for the Advancement Society, $121 50; for a specified object out of the Parish, $15; for musical instrument 75; Communion Alms, $31 59.

St. Paul's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, D. D., Rector.
The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—25 white children; 15 colored; total, 40. Marriages, 8 white; 4 colored; total 12. Burials, 15 white; 3 colored; total, 18. Communicants, 253 white; 60 colored; total, 313. Non-communicants, 297 white; 87 colored; total, 384. Children under 14, 284 white; 119 colored; total, 403. Families, 189 white; 40 colored; total, 229. Families belonging also to other congregations, not ascertained. Children catechised, 14 days, about 60 white; about 25 colored; total, 85. Confirmed by the Bishop, 7 white; 3 colored; total, 10. Sunday Schools—13 white Teachers; 8 colored; total, 21. Scholars, 90 white; 52 colored; total, 142. Public Worship, St. Paul's, twice every Sunday, and on Wednesdays, Fasts, Festivals and Thanksgivings.

Parish of St. Andrew's.

The Rev. J. Stuart Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—10 colored adults. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 22 white; 50 colored; total, 72. Non-communicants, 17 white; colored, not ascertained. Children under 14, 34 white; colored, not ascertained. Families, 16 white; colored, not ascertained. Families belonging also to other congregations, all. Public Worship, St. Andrew's Church, Magnolia Chapel, Middleton's Chapel, Magwood's Chapel.

Remarks.—The third Chapel for negroes, reported last year as in course of erection, has been completed. By the assistance of two zealous laymen, instruction is given and service held at least once every Lord's day in each of these, also in the Parish Church. In the place of the 8 families reported last year as removed, others are rapidly moving into this Parish.

The P. E. Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.

The Rev. Wm. H. Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; 8 white children; total, 14. Burials, 8. Communicants, 44 white; 120 colored; total, 164. Non-Communicants, 48 white; colored unknown. Children under 14, 56 white. Families, 25 white. Families belonging to other congregations, 6 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Sunday Schools—13 white Teachers; 30 white scholars; about 80 colored; total, 110. Public Worship, P. E. Church on Edisto Island, 29 Sundays; other days, 3; total, 32. St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville, 22 Sundays; other days, 17; total, 39. On plantations, 50 times; whole number of times, 143.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. R. T. Howard, Rector.

Baptisms—9 white children. Burials, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 46 white; 16 colored; total, 62. Non-Communicants,

68 white. Children under 14, 66 white. Families, 42 white. Children catechised during Sunday School. Sunday Schools—2 white Teachers; 10 white scholars; 9 colored; total 19.

Remarks.—I officiated last Summer in Plantersville for Rev. Mr. Hunter, who went to the North for his health.

Parish of St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. W. B. W. Howe, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 3 colored; 8 white children; 24 colored; total, 36. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 6 white; 2 colored; total, 8. Communicants, 42 white; 220 colored; total, 262. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white; 16 colored; total, 19. Sunday Schools—3 white Teachers; 12 white scholars. Public Worship, Biggin Church, 11 Sundays; other days, 2; total, 13. Strawberry, 16 Sundays; whole number of times, 28. Whiteville, 12 Sundays; whole number of times, 22. Cordesville, 12 Sundays; other days, 19; number of times, 42. Other places, 10 Sundays; whole number of times, 37; total, 142.

Prince Frederick's Parish.

The Rev. Joseph Hunter, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child; 13 colored; total, 14. Marriages, 2. Communicants, 16 white; 3 colored; total, 19. Non-Communicants, 20 white; colored, not known. Children under 14, 41 white; colored, not known. Families, 16 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 8. Children catechised on 6 Sundays in Church, 10 white; on 25 days, 100 colored; total, 110. Public Worship, at Prince Frederick's, 23 Sundays; other days, 14; total, 37. Services on Plantations, 35 days; whole number of times, 72. Missions, $46.

Remarks.—In the month of April last, I had a dangerous illness, and after a cessation of labor until November, I resumed my duties with renewed strength and health, which I trust, under the blessing of God, will long be retained to minister to a people uniformly kind, with the fervent prayer and hope that the ministration of the Sanctuary may be more abundantly blessed both to minister and people.

Parish of St. James, Santee.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hyatt, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; 75 colored children; total, 81. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 18 white; 120 colored; total, 138. Non-Communicants, 48 white. Children under 14, 30 white. Families, 25 white. Children catechised 24 days, 300 colored. Public Worship, at Wambaw Church, 25 Sundays; other days, 3; total, 28. Services in Chapels on plantations, 24 Sundays.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hyatt, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white; 2 colored children. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored. Communicants, 35 white; 8 colored. Sunday Schools—5 white Teach-

ers; 25 white scholars. Public Worship at Grace Church, 22 Sundays; 10 other days; whole number of times, 54.

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.
The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 21 white children; 18 colored; total, 41. Marriages, 3 white; 4 colored; total, 7. Burials, 15 white; 7 colored; total 22. Communicants, 312 white; 39 colored; total, 351. Non-Communicants, 200 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 170 white; colored, uncertain. Families, 166 white; colored, uncertain. Families belonging to other congregations, not ascertained. Children catechised 12 days, about 100 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 23 white; 5 colored; total, 28. Sunday Schools—15 white Teachers; 95 white scholars. Public Worship at St. Michael's Church, 52 Sundays; other days, 147; whole number of times, 264.

Remarks.—Although the number of families is greater than it was the last year, yet a less number is reported, from the fact that several have been united into one family who were the last year considered as forming separate families.

The contributions of the year are as follows:—Alms at the Communion, $809 55; Sisters of Charity, $116 50; Church Offerings, $590 29; Sunday School Offerings, $65; Sewing Society for City Missions and Calvary Church, $133; for Church hangings, $437; support of two Orphans, $112; for Church Home, $376; for Aged and Infirm Clergy, $52 90; for Society for Advancement of Christianity, $59 18; for the Church of Holy Apostles, Barnwell, $247 50; for Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, $194; for Church in Greenville, Tennessee, $118 32; for Church in Ashville, N. C., $27 50; for Blinds for Calvary Church, $94 50; special contributions, 206 15; for various Societies, about $800.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.
The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen., Assistant Minister.

Baptism—1 white child. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 42 white; 2 colored; total, 44. Non-communicants, 37. Children under 14, 84 white. Families, 26 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 11 white. Children catechised nearly every Sunday in summer. Sunday Schools—5 white Teachers; 40 white Scholars. Public Worship, Sheldon Church, 25 Sundays; other days, 2; Sheldon Chapel, 22 Sundays; other days, 18; whole number of times, 111.

Remarks.—The condition of this Church, the Rector thinks he may report, as encouraging. The attendance is usually very good, notwithstanding the distances many are obliged to come. The majority of the worshippers, apart from the children, being communicants, our addition to this body is more infrequent than might otherwise be reasonably expected. An excellent spirit marks some of our members, and is, in various ways, becoming more and more apparent. This Church will, in a few years, we believe, rank among the most important in the number

of the low-country congregations. With attachment to the usages of our communion, we trust its ministry will never cease to teach and preach and its people to receive Jesus Christ.

The noble work of James Cuthbert, Esq., mentioned in last year's report, is still continued, and deserves the highest commendation. By the efficient action of another valued member, Dr. Louis M. DeSaussure, several individuals in the Parish have contributed to its success. The main burden and expense of providing instruction and of supporting some twenty indigent children, a few of whom are orphans, and all equally destitute, falls, however, on the benevolent founder of this charity. The Rector hopes that reference to this, in this report to the Convention, may prompt the able and well-disposed in Carolina to contribute means for extending advantages in a way rarely offered. The plan adopted by Mr. C. promises to be available to its contemplated purpose of rooting out the ignorance and immorality that exist, and which, but for such interposition, would be continued to people, unprovided, as are the ones in question, with moral and religious culture, and brought up to rest, as an incubus, upon society. Till, however, wider interest is felt and adequate aid extended, the number benefitted must be necessarily small. The Rector will gladly communicate further intelligence, respecting this distinguished charity to those desiring it, and will apply any sums to its extension, of which the Christian philanthropist may make him the almoner.

A large and beautiful French Melodeon, of the compass of an Organ of about four or five stops, has been purchased for the use of Sheldon Chapel.

Contributions—Missionary on plantations, about $400; towards Melodeon, $194; towards Mr. Cuthbert's school, about $300; Communion alms, $47; total, $941.

Report of the Rev. E. C. Logan, Missionary on North Santee.

The mission embraces 10 plantations, and about 1200 negroes. The children, to the number of about 215, are catechised on each of the places, and preaching appointments are held at 8. Divine service, for this class, is usually performed twice on Sundays, and in the winter season once and sometimes twice in the week, at night. Baptisms during the year 1850, 77 adults and 23 children. Communicants, 154. In addition to the above, I have to report a weekly service for the white community, during the greater part of the summer season, on South Island, and assistance, during the winter season, rendered by the late incumbent, Rev. C. C. Pinckney, at the "Church of the Messiah," he in lieu thereof sharing with me the Missionary labor. Also, 5 colored children baptized on Cooper River, and service performed there and elsewhere some half a dozen times.

St. John's Chapel, Hampstead.

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 3 colored adults; 14 white children; 18 colored; total, 36. Marriages, 10 white; 6 colored; total, 16. Burials,

23 white; 15 colored; total, 38. Communicants, 42 white; 29 colored; total, 71. Non-communicants, white, uncertain. Children under 14, white, uncertain. Families, white, uncertain. Children catechised on 12 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 white; 7 colored; total, 16. Sunday Schools—7 white Teachers. Public Worship, St. John's Chapel, 52 Sundays; other days, 59; whole number of times, 166.

Remarks.—Divine Service has been held twice every Lord's day, Good Friday, Christmas, and Fast day once, every Saturday, Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun week, also on two Thanksgiving days. The Lord's Supper has been administered on the third Sunday of every month, Christmas day, Whit and Trinity Sundays. The Sunday School has been held under a Superintendent and six Teachers. The white children of the congregation have been catechised on the second Sunday of each month, after morning service, and the colored after service in the evening. Catechetical instruction has been given to colored persons after service on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. I have held service and preached at the Poor House once a week, and made occasional visits to its hospitals. On one occasion I administered the Lord's Supper to an inmate on her sick bed. One white and two colored persons have been added to the Communion, and one colored communicant has been removed by death.

Church of the Advent, Spartanburg District, Calvary Church, Glenn Springs.

The Rev. John D. M'Collough, Rector.

Baptism—1 colored child. Communicants, 16 white; 2 colored; total, 18. Non-communicants, 10 white. Children under 14, 15 white; 5 colored; total, 20. Families belonging to other congregations, 1 containing 2 communicants. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Public Worship, Church of the Advent, 17 Sundays; 1 other day; number of times, 40. Calvary Church, 21 Sundays; 3 other days; number of times, 27. Without the Mission, 16 times; whole number of times, 83.

St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 30 white; 10 colored; total, 40. Non-Communicants, 32 white. Children under 14, 26 white. Families, 22 white. Children catechised during Summer. Sunday Schools—2 white Teachers; 12 white Scholars. Public Worship, Central Church, 52 Sundays; other days, 5; total, 57; St. Helenaville Chapel, 20 Sundays; whole number of times, 77.

Remarks.—Of the families above mentioned, three remain in Beaufort during the Summer. The Central Church is at present undergoing a thorough repair, one of the Vestry having kindly volunteered to have it painted in a finished style at his own expense; the one who a few years ago made a present of the Organ to the Church.

St. James, James Island.

The Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—4 colored adults; 1 white; 2 colored children; total, 7. Marriages, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Communicants, 13 white; 18 colored; total, 31. Non-Communicants, 11 white; 10 colored; total, 21. Children under 14, 12 white. Families, 9 white. Children catechised, 20 white. Sunday Schools—3 white Teachers; 12 white scholars; 20 colored, total, 32. Public Worship at St. James' Church and Chapel, 46 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 47.

Remarks.—I lectured to the children on the commandments every Sabbath during the summer, and preached twice, except the fourth Sunday morning, which was given to the negroes exclusively. In the winter, preached once a day, every Sabbath, to the whites, and also after service to the negroes.

Inclement weather and sickness from the prevailing fever of last summer, made a few exceptions to this account. Besides the nine families, reported above, two have removed to Charleston, and one is broken up by the death of its head. A valued member of our communion has gone to her eternal rest since the last meeting of the Convention.

Report of Rev. J. W. Miles.

Since the last Convention my services have been rendered whenever called for, which has been, with a few exceptions, either for a part or the whole of the day on Sundays, and some other occasions.

Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.
The Rev. Andrew Hamilton Cornish, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—26 colored adults; 4 white children; 49 colored; total, 79. Marriages, 2 white; 2 colored; total, 4. Communicants, 16 white; 78 colored; total, 94. Non-Communicants, 38 white. Children under 14, 45 white. Families, 22 white. Families belonging to other congregations, 4 white. Public Worship, St. Thomas, 12 Sundays; other days, 2; total, 14. The Chapel, 12 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 13. Louisville and Plantations, 10 Sundays; other days, 12; total, 22; whole number of times, 49.

Remarks.—Several important changes are contemplated and have been already commenced in this Parish. The Rev. Andrew H. Cornish has been appointed Assistant Minister. By this appointment divine service is regularly held at Church and Chapel on each Lord's day; and the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of each month. After the regular service of the day, the colored people then in attendance are instructed orally and catechetically in a service suitable to themselves. The Rector also instructs that class of persons on plantations on Sunday nights, and occasionally on nights of the week. The Assistant Minister is the Teacher of the Berresford Bounty School, and also the Teacher of the Free School endowed by the State.

In addition to those duties, he is charged with the care of the Church Home, where beneficiaries of the bounty live and receive the benefits of education, religious and secular, according to the distinctive principles of the Church. Nine of those children, of both sexes, are now resident at the Parsonage, but the number, it is thought, will be soon increased. This new feature in the influence of the ministry over the education of the Parish, promises to be eminently useful.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee.

The Rt. Rev. C. C. Pinckney, late Rector.
The Rev. E. C. Logan, Missionary.

Baptisms—81 colored adults; 30 colored children; total, 111. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 2 white; 2 colored; total, 4. Communicants, 24 white; 226 colored; total, 250. Non-communicants, 25 white. Children under 14, 24 white. Families, 19 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 10 white. Children catechised weekly, 268 colored. Public Worship, Church of the Messiah, 23 Sundays; other days, 2; total, 37. Chapels, 50 Sundays; other days, 30; total, 150. Other places, 27 Sundays; other days, 3; total, 40.

Remarks.—This report includes the services of the Rev. E. C. Logan, Missionary in the Parish. The morning was devoted to the white, and the afternoon and evening, as heretofore, to the black congregation.

In November, the Rector resigned the charge of this Parish, believing it to be his duty to accept another post to which he was called. The Rev. E. C. Logan has been invited to succeed him, and has accepted the charge. That the Lord may abundantly bless his labors among both the rich and the poor of the flock, is still my earnest prayer.

Report of the Rev. W. T. Potter.

Domestic circumstances prevent my attendance upon the approaching Convention of our Church. I hereby transmit my report, unsatisfactory as it is to *myself*. In God's providence, no call has been received where it was deemed prudent to attempt to pass the entire year. My labors (with two appointments in preaching to the negroes excepted) have been given, through the kindness and courtesy of my brethren, whom I have assisted, or supplied their place when sick or absent. I have preached six times for my esteemed brother, the Rector of Sheldon, frequently assisted in the desk and always at the Holy Communion, when present. I have supplied the place of the Missionary to the blacks on several occasions, when from sickness or other causes, he could not attend. I have preached and read prayers frequently in Beaufort and Pendleton during the summer, and filled the pulpit one Sunday in Aiken. I have visited the sick and afflicted on several occasions; and have buried 4 colored, 1 adult and 3 children. I have also performed the marriage service in several instances.

Since the resignation of my regular cure, in no instance have I declined professional duty, when opportunity offered, and I still look to the Lord of the vineyard to call me into his field permanently, in his own appointed time and place.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. W. O. Prentiss, Rector.

Baptisms—5 colored adults; 13 white children; 5 colored children; total, 23. Marriages, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 57 white; 35 white; total, 92. Non-communicants, 40 white; colored, unknown. Children under 14, 50 white.—Families, 40 white. Sunday Schools—10 white Teachers; 30 white Scholars; 50 colored; total, 80. Public Worship, Edmondsbury Chapel, 18 Sundays; other days, 2; total, 20. Walterboro' Chapel, 30 Sundays; other days, 17; total, 78. Whole number of times, 98.

Remarks.—Besides the services enumerated in the above report, a number have been held for the special benefit of the colored population of the Parish. Two thriving and respectable congregations are regularly instructed on the Sabbath by a pious layman of the Church, who also instructs the negroes on several plantations. During the past year, the Missionary contributions of the Parish have amounted to $392 47 cts., and the Communion Alms to $104 38. Two Church edifices are in progress, one of which, by the terms of the contract, is to be ready for consecration in May next.

Zion Church, Richland.

The Rev. J. M. Pringle, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 6 colored; 2 white children; 39 colored; total, 48. Marriages, 4 white; 2 colored: total, 6. Burials, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 15 white; 86 colored; total, 101. Families, 12 white. Families of other congregations, 10 white. Sunday Schools—4 white Teachers; Scholars in schools on Saturday and Sunday for children of the whites, 86. Public Worship, Zion Church, 36 Sundays; other days, 3; and about the same number of services divided between the Lower Church and Zion Chapel.

Remarks.—In consequence of declining health, the Minister of this Church was absent from home about four months of the year.

Trinity Church, Edgefield.

The Rev. Edward Reed, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 5 white children; total, 7. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 17 white; 2 colored; total, 19. Non-communicants, 22 white. Children under 14, 32 white. Families, 14. Children catechised every Sunday, 9 white. Bible Class, 13. Sunday Schools—5 white Teachers; 14 white Scholars; 6 colored; total, 20. Public Worship, Trinity Church, 33 Sundays; other days, 3; whole number of times, 60.

Remarks.—From the first Sunday in July until the last Sunday in October, the Rector was absent or unable to preach on account of ill health.

St. John's, Fairfield District.

The Rev. John J. Roberts, Missionary.

Baptisms—21 colored adults; 3 white children; 5 colored; total, 29. Burial, 1 colored communicant. Confirmations, 8 white, 3 of whom were confirmed in Columbia; 6 colored; total, 14. Communicants, 10 added, 7 white and 3 colored, total in the district, 27 white and 4 colored. Catechumens, 18 white; 28 colored; total, 46.

Chester District.—5 Communicants, 1 added.

Report of Rev. Joseph B. Seabrook.

My services last year as Assistant to the Rector of St. Luke's Parish and Missionary, were as follows: I baptised 19 adult blacks and 1 white child. I preached 88 times in all. For two months I was absent from the Diocese on account of sickness in my family; during that time I also preached every Sunday excepting two. I have eight plantations under my religious instruction, some of which I visit both on Sundays and during the week. The others are contiguous to the Chapel, which by the aid of the Miss Pinckneys, I caused to be built for the accommodation of the blacks. I have also a Sunday School in Bluffton during the summer months, composed of about 100 blacks, including children, who were regularly taught last summer. There are 40 black communicants in the Church under my charge, and the prospects of an addition to the number appears encouraging. The blacks in this section of country are strongly attached to the Baptist sect. This accounts, in a great measure, for the comparatively small number in the Church.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—5 white adults; 11 white children; 5 colored; total, 21. Marriages, 8 white; 3 colored; total, 11. Burials, 11 white; 2 colored; total, 13. Communicants, 101 white; 6 colored; total, 107. Non-Communicants, 80 white; 5 colored; total, 85. Children under 14, 112 white; 3 colored; total, 115. Families, 74 white; 4 colored; total 78. Children catechised usually once in every month. Confirmed by the Bishop, 15 white. Sunday Schools—6 white Teachers; 25 white Scholars. Public Worship, 52 Sundays; other days, 63; whole number of times, 115.

Remarks.—One of the confirmations was in private; three of the other persons confirmed were of St. John's Church, Winnsboro'.

During the year there has been a loss to the Parish, by death and removals to other Parishes, of 13 Communicants, and an accession of 17. Of these latter, 13 are new Communicants, and 4 were Communicants of other Parishes, who have removed into this.

The contributions of the Parish, in money, have amounted to four hundred and ninety dollars, of which some portions have been applied to certain Churches soliciting aid from this. Other portions have been assigned to Domestic and Foreign Missions, and one hundred and seventeen dollars have been placed in the hands of the Bishop for Missions within the Diocese. Fifty-five dollars of this latter sum were paid to the Bishop in the month of January, 1851.

Report of the Rev. J. Ward Simmons.

I have officiated in other places than St. Stephen's, in the low, middle and up-country on 53 occasions. My other services are embraced in the report of the Minister of St. Stephen's.

Grace Church, Charleston.

The Rev. W. W. Spear, Rector.
The Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—12 white children; 4 colored; total, 16. Marriages, 10 white. Burials, 16 white; 4 colored; total, 20. Communicants, 110 white; 15 colored; total, 125. Non-communicants, 150 white; 20 colored; total, 170. Children under 14, 180 white; 30 colored; total, 210. Families, 100 white; 20 colored; total, 120. Families belonging also to other congregations, 20 white. Children catechised 30 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Sunday Schools—9 white Teachers; 50 white Scholars; 20 colored; total, 70. Public Worship, Grace Church, 42 Sundays; other days, 40; whole number of times, 124.

Calvary Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister.

Baptisms—3 colored adults; 4 white children; 10 colored; total, 17. Marriages, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Burials, 2 colored. Communicants, added, 4 white, removed 1 white, present number 13; colored, added 6, removed 3, suspended 1, present number 14; total, 27. Non-communicants, 19 white. Children under 14 years of age, 12 white. Families, 8 white. Of the colored people, (for whom chiefly this Church is designed) it is impossible to say how many belong to it, as the seats are free. Generally, about 40 attend in the morning and 300 in the afternoon of Sunday; so that there has not been much, if any, increase in this respect during the year. The same persons, however, it is observed, are oftener present, and the congregation is gradually settling down to more of permanence. Confirmed, 4 colored.

In the *Sunday School*, there are of *white* children, about 12 taught by 1 stated teacher, with occasional assistance from other ladies. For the *colored* children there are 24 teachers, white of course. Into this school there have been admitted during the year 683, of whom about 40 are free, the others slaves, belonging to about 240 owners. Adults about 120, the rest of all ages from 14 to 6. For 9 months in the year the average attendance was nearly 200, but during the short and cold days of winter, it has not been more than 150. It was peculiarly gratifying to us, a few Sundays ago, to ascertain that of the 142 then present, only 20 had come to us from any Sunday School, either of our Church or of any other denominations, but that the remaining 122 were a "clear gain," brought in from the streets and lanes of our city, having been previously with little or no religious instructions.

Public Worship on 52 Sundays, and 28 other days; whole number of times, 134. Communion administered 23 times. Communion Alms, $69; from the boxes, $58. Collections for Missions, $10 67; for Disabled Clergy, $6 50.

The building is now fitted up with gas for use at night, and the consent of the civil authorities has been given, under the same restrictions as in other places of worship.

The lot around the Church is still without enclosure, but a fence is contracted for, and we shall be thankful for aid in paying for it. All of the windows, except three, are now protected by blinds, and the entire cost of them has been raised by voluntary contributions and paid in full.

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston.

The Rev. Edwin A. Wagner, Deacon, Minister,

Communicants, 8 white; 1 colored; total, 9. Non-communicants, 25 white. Children under 14, 30 white. Families, 12 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, several attend occasionally. Children catechised 6 days, and every Sunday after they have been instructed by teachers, whites in the morning, and colored in the afternoon. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Sunday Schools—4 white Teachers; 20 white Scholars; 40 colored; total, 60. Public Worship, Holy Communion, 7 Sundays; other days, 6; other Churches, other days, 1; whole number of times, 21.

Report of Rev. C. B. Walker.

Edgefield, Feb. 8, 1851.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir,—My report of services performed in the past year is, from necessity, very brief. With the exception of occasional assistance to my Rev. Brethren in the administration of the Lord's Supper, I have only performed one official act, *one burial.* The consequences of this service were such as to induce my physicians to forbid absolutely any use of my voice. Therefore, though my general health is again quite good, I have made no further effort.

Christ Church, Wilton.

The Rev. E. T. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. Communicants, 20 white; 90 colored; total, 110. Non-communicants, 19 white. Children under 14, 30 white; 140 colored; total, 170. Families, 17 white. Children catechised, twice a week. Public Worship, Christ Church, Wilton, 40 Sundays; other days, 2; total, 27. Chapel in Adamsville, 24 Sundays. Plantations, 15 Sundays:

Remarks.—The condition of this Parish is very much the same as during the past year. Some removals have taken place by death, otherwise it has neither increased or decreased. Its sphere of usefulness among the negroes has been very much enlarged. An arrangement has been made with the Missionary, who formerly had charge of these negroes, by which they will eventually be brought into the Church.

The Church has now in Adamsville, some six miles from Wilton, a Chapel and Rectory. Both of these buildings have been erected from resources within ourselves. The Rectory is one of the most comfortable we know of connected with any Church in the Diocese, for which the

Church is indebted to the energy and generosity of Jos. W. Faber, Esq. It cost the Church one thousand dollars, and is estimated to be worth double that sum.

Parish of St. Helena, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.
The Rev. Richardson Graham, Assistant Minister and Missionary.

Baptism—15 colored adults; 12 white children; 17 colored; total, 44. Marriages, 15 colored. Burials, 10 white; 28 colored; total, 38. Communicants; 122 white; 175 colored; total, 297. Non-Communicants, 86 white. Children under 14, 190 white. Families, 58 white. Families belonging to other congregations, 10 white. Children catechised on plantations 260 days, 325 colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white; 48 colored; total, 49. Sunday Schools—13 white Teachers; 8 colored; total, 21. 75 white Scholars; 80 colored; total, 155. Public Worship, in St. Helena Church, Beaufort, 52 Sundays; other days, 62; total, 166. In Chapels, 52 Sundays; other days, 280; total, 450; on Plantations, 104 Sundays; other days, 342; whole number of times, 616.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.

The Rev. C. Wallace, Minister.
The Rev. J. Ward Simmons, Deacon, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 colored; 27 white children; 4 colored; total, 34. Marriages, 6 white; 2 colored; total, 8. Burials, 20 white; 3 colored; total, 23. Communicants, 118 white; 10 colored; total, 128. Non-Communicants, 100 white; colored, not known. Children under 14, 162 white; colored not known. Families, 82 white; 5 colored; total, 87. Families belonging to other congregations, 4. Children catechised several days, 25 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 10 white; 2 colored; total, 12. Sunday Schools—13 white Teachers; 90 white Scholars; 20 colored; total, 110. Public Worship—St. Stephen's, 52 Sundays; other days, 213; whole number of times, 359.

Remarks.—The Holy Communion has been administered twice a month in the Chapel, and several times in private to the sick. A daily service has been kept up since the beginning of Lent. 1788 visits have been made by the Senior Minister; those by the Assistant not recorded. A school for 30 poor children has been supported at an expense (raised by subscription) of $200. Two orphan girls have been supported wholly, and two orphan boys in part, by a subscription of $300. About twenty widows are assisted from the Communion Fund in sums varying from one to three dollars (in special cases $5) per month. Donations have been received to this fund of $60, ($5 per month) from St. Philip's, and $124 from individuals. The whole sum expended for the benefit of persons in want, has been nearly six hundred dollars; in every case, only after personal investigation, and being satisfied that the charity is not likely to be misapplied. The current expenses of the Chapel are paid from a collection taken at the door on Sundays. The salary of the Senior Minister is paid by the Society of benevolent ladies, which has nobly and unfalteringly sustained this and the Mission at St.

John's, Hampstead, for so many years. The salary of the Assistant is paid out of the earnings of the Senior Minister, as teacher of some advanced classes in Mrs. DuPré's Seminary for Young Ladies.

The Mission must be regarded as in a highly prosperous state. If its sphere of operations is to be at all enlarged beyond the present, it will be necessary to enlarge the Chapel. But in a congregation composed for the most part of strangers and the poor, our charities cannot be kept up without aid from other congregations.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. B. C. Webb, Missionary to the colored population.

On account of ill-health, my Missionary labors have been necessarily lessened. It pleased our Heavenly Father to visit me, in March, with severe disease, incapacitating me for labor. To regain my health, I had to absent myself from the Mission for three months in the summer. Through the goodness of the Lord, my health has been in a measure restored, with some ground to hope of its restoration becoming permanent. In the first part of the year, my ministrations were uninterrupted, except when in attendance at Convention, and from October to the end of December, my appointments were fulfilled. During the other part the year I was much aided by the Rev. Mr. Potter and Capt. James Cuthbert. The condition of the Mission is very much the same as last year. Having been allowed to return to my labors, "my heart's desire and prayer to God is" that He would condescend to use me as an instrument of dispensing to *many of the benighted* to whom I am sent, "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, as appears in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord."

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. Arthur Wigfall, Rector.

Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 31 white; 8 colored; total,.39. Non-communicants, 18 white. Children under 14, 45 white. Families, 21 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 2 white. Children catechised the 2d Sunday in each month. Sunday Schools—5 white Teachers; 30 white Scholars. Public Worship, St. Marks, 32 Sundays; other days, 2; whole number of times, 34.

Remarks.—The services in this Church were suspended for four months, in consequence of the sickness of the Rector.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. A. Woodward, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child. Burials, 2 white adults; 3 white children; total, 5. Families, 37 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 4 white. Communicants, 29 white; 26 colored; total, 55. Sunday Schools—2 white Teachers; 10 white Scholars; about 60

colored; total, 70. Public Worship, service from November to June, alternately, once every fortnight on the Island (Zion Chapel,) and the Main (St. Luke's Church,) from June to November, every Sunday, twice a day, at Bluffton, (Chapel of the Cross); whole number of times, including service to colored people on the Island and the Main, 87.

REMARKS.—In consequence of the increase of the congregation at Bluffton, the Vestry have it in contemplation to erect a new Church edifice, and about $1500 have been subscribed.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1850.

	White.	*Colored.*	*Total.*
Baptisms—Adults	25	355	381
" Children,	201	625	826
Grand Total,	226	981	1207
Marriages,	105	87	192
Burials,	226	102	328
Congregation—Communicants,	2751	3168	5919
" Non-communicants	2013	847*	2860
" Children under 14,	2374	413*	2787
" Families,	1531	109*	1640
Families belonging to other Congregations,	119	....	119
Children catechised,	483	1649	2132
Confirmed by the Bishop,	105	113	218
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers,	248	....	248
" " " Scholars,	1036	1295	2331

* These items are generally reported "*not ascertained.*" The numbers here given show all that are definitely reported, but are undoubtedly a very small part of the whole.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

Of acceding to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

Of Members of Convention.

SECTION 1.—The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

SECTION 2.—The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, and the Minister, or Ministers of every Episcopal Church in union with this Convention, shall always be, *ex officio*, a member or members of this Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be entitled to *vote* in Convention, unless he has been actually, as well as canonically resident

within the Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station: *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

SECTION 3.—Every other Clergyman of the Church being a Missionary, officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or a Chaplain in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches. The provisions of the second section of this Article shall also apply to the preceding part of this section. Every other Clergyman, being an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, constituted by Civil or Ecclesiastical authority, in this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, or being prevented by age and infirmity from exercising his clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

SECTION 4.—Lay-Delegates, not exceeding four (4) in number, shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, in union with this Convention, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in Convention; the Delegates to be elected in such manner and time, as each Church shall deem proper, to serve for one stated Convention. They shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election. For special Conventions, special elections shall be held.

SECTION 5.—No member shall hereafter represent two distinct Churches, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

SECTION 6.—A Lay-Member, having taken his seat in the Convention as a Delegate from any Church, shall not, (without the unanimous consent of the Convention,) be permitted to relinquish his seat, and take a seat as the Delegate of another Church.

ARTICLE IV.

Of a Quorum.

Ten (10) Members of the Clerical Order, and Lay-Representatives of ten (10) Churches, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business generally; but any number of either Order that shall assemble may adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention. But in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate,

the President of the Standing Committee shall be the President of the Convention: and if he be not present, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending Presbyters.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary.

A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed,) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention, attest its public acts, preserve its records, and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Convention; and this notice shall be given at least six weeks before the meeting of such Convention. He shall also keep regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention, and shall faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative and belonging to the Convention, which may be in his charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 1.—A Standing Committee, consisting of five Presbyters of the Diocese, and five Laymen, taken indiscriminately from among the actual communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be elected by ballot at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitutions and Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed.

SECTION 2.—At their first meeting after their appointment, they shall choose one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President; and another of their body to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book provided for that purpose alone, to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they may require, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee, which may have been entrusted to him.

SECTION 3.—They shall present to each annual Convention, an abstract of the minutes of their proceedings since the former Convention.

SECTION 4.—Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members, a majority of the whole Committee being necessary to constitute a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

SECTION 1.—The Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall be held where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

SECTION 2.—No special meeting of the Convention shall be called for the election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

On all questions, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body; but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority in both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

In the election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice: *Provided*, that two-thirds (2 3ds) of all the Clergy entitled to a vote, and two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two-thirds (2-3ds) of the votes of each Order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

A Clergyman shall be subject to a trial for offences enumerated in the Canon of the General Convention "*of offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished*," and in the Canons of this Convention. The trial shall be conducted according to the mode provided for by the Canons of this Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches or Parishes into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, or he be absent, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means or prospects for the support of a minister, and

their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitutions and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall communicate the same to the Convention for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese: *Provided, always*, that the Delegates of the Church, or Parish, newly admitted, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed a vote at the meeting of the Convention in which their Church or Parish is admitted. But no Lay vote shall be received from any Church or Parish; which has for three (3) successive years neglected to elect a Vestry and Wardens, or to pay its quota to the Convention, until admitted by a vote of the Convention.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—At every annual Convention, four Presbyters and four Laymen shall be chosen by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

SECTION 2.—In case any Deputy, appointed as above, shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any Deputy so declining, or unable to attend: *Provided*, that such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Altering the Constitution.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article be proposed, considered and concurred in by a majority at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches present at a subsequent Convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Common Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution. *Passed* 1822. *Amended* 1826.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every annual Convention, deliver or transmit to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the first of January preceding; specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held; the number of Families, (discriminating in each instance the number of Families belonging likewise to other Congregations,) Communicants, Adults and Children under fourteen (14) years, attending or belonging to the same; the number catechised by him, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and, if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and, generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the seventh (7th) Canon of the General Convention of 1835. *Passed* 1825. *Amended* 1841.

CANON III.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Section 1.—In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place, to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese,

or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form:

To A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, respectfully represent that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H. [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon, in such case made and provided.

Signed by the Standing Committee.

SECTION 2.—But nothing, herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the thirty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

SECTION 3.—A presentment being made, the Bishop shall proceed, from among those entitled to a seat in the Convention, other than the members of the Standing Committee, to designate twelve (12) Presbyters, and cause a list of their names and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, if he be not found. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the accused shall select five (5) of the twelve (12) Presbyters, and give notice thereof to the Bishop: and in case of his failure to do so, the Bishop shall select five (5); and, in either case, the selected Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused.

SECTION 4.—The Council shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than three (3), shall proceed to trial. The Council shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath, or affirmation, to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the Standing Committee, or by the accused.

SECTION 5.—A written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Council shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who by

their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

Section 6.—If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council; and if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

Section 7.—Upon the application of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman, or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner and transmitted, under seal, to the Council.

Section 8.—When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

Section 9.—If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council, shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

Section 10.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

CANON IV.

A list to be made of the Clergymen in this Diocese.

SECTION 1.—Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or of their stations as missionaries or chaplains, or of the colleges, academies, or other seminaries of learning, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority, in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions or institutions of learning as above, their places of residence only. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. Such list shall then be referred to a Committee of Three Clergymen appointed by the Chair, who shall forthwith consider and report who of the Clergymen, on said list, are entitled to all the privileges of members of the Convention; who are entitled to said privileges with the exception of the right to vote on matters pertaining to the temporal affairs of the Churches; who are entitled to seats, but not to votes, and who are not entitled to either seats or votes. Such list thus reported and approved of by the Convention, shall be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of every General Convention.

SECTION 2.—No Clergyman, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on said list.

SECTION 3.—The right of any Clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

SECTION 4.—The Bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of Ministers into this Diocese, as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed upon by persons pretending to be authorized ministers of this Church. And his certificate shall be evidence of such admission.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The opening of the Convention shall always be preceded by the Morning Service of the Church, a Sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, or the Bishop be not present, by the President of the Standing Committee. The business of every succeeding day shall be introduced with the Morning Service, and the business of every day shall be closed with appropriate Collects pronounced by the President.

II. At the opening of each Annual Convention, when the President shall have taken the Chair, the Secretary shall first call over, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall then call over the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of Three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized. Should the Committee have considered any testimonials unsatisfactory, these shall now be taken up, and the question of their sufficiency settled.

III. The further order of business for the first day of the session of the Convention shall be as follows:

1. The reading of the "Rules of Order."
2. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.
3. The consideration of the application of Churches, or Parishes, for admission into the Convention.
4. The appointment, by the President, of Preachers for the first day of the next annual Convention.
5. The appointment, by the President, of two Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on Unfinished Business, one (1) Clergyman and two (2) Laymen; the Committee on Finance, three (3) Laymen.
6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Church.
7. The appointment of Special Committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.

IV. The daily order of proceedings, after the first day, shall be, on the President's taking the Chair:

1. The reading and approval of the Minutes.
2. Calling the names of members absent on the preceding day.
3. The appointment of the Standing Committee of the Church.

4. The choosing of Deputies to the General Convention.
5. Calling upon each delegation to pay the assessment on their respective Churches or Parishes, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and for the expenses of the Convention.
6. Reports to be called for in the following order:
   Committee on Finance.
   Treasurer of Bishop's Permanent, Common and Convention Funds.
   Committee on Unfinished Business.
   Conventional School Committee.
   Trustees for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.
   Committees appointed at preceding Convention.
   Special Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Before the rising of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.

VI. The Bishop's Address shall be at any time in order.

VII. When the President shall take the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

VIII. The delegation of each Church shall occupy one pew.

IX. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.

X. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate, and avoiding personality.

XI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Convention.

XIII. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, except upon a motion to reconsider, which may be moved and seconded by any member who voted in the majority.

XIV. When the President is putting the question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.

XV. No motion shall be considered before the Convention, unless seconded and reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it. A Minister or Delegate may not second a motion offered by a Minister or Delegate of the same Church with himself.

XVI. When a question is before the House, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. A motion

to strike out the word "Resolved," shall have precedence to a motion to amend; and, if carried, shall be equivalent to a rejection of the resolution. Subject to these exceptions, the question first moved shall be first put.

XVII. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn may interrupt a speech, or any other business of the Convention.

XVIII. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reason be given by him to the Convention.

XIX. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XX. No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

XXI. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President *shall*, or any member *may* call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance, without debate, by the President; but any member may appeal from such decision to the Convention, and on such appeal, no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Convention.

XXII. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

XXIII. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not belonging to the Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, shall be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

XXIV. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds (2-3ds) of the members present.

XXV. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the following are the sums which each Parish, or Church, shall annually contribute to a fund, to be called "The Bishop's Common Fund;" to wit:

St. Michael's,	$300	St. Matthew's,	$10
St. Philip's,	300	St. Luke's,	15
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	150	Church of the Holy Trinity,	
St. Peter's,	100	Grahamville,	15
Grace Church,		Christ Church, Wilton,	15
Prince George, Winyaw,	50	St. Helena, St. Helena Island,	10
St. John's, Berkley,	50	St. Mark's, Clarendon,	10
St. John's, Colleton,	50	St. James's, Goose Creek,	10
Edisto Island,	50	St. David's, Cheraw,	10
All-Saints, Waccamaw,	50	St. Andrew's,	10
St. Helena, Beaufort,	35	Grace Church, Camden,	10
St. Paul's, Pendleton,	30	Pineville and Upper St. John's,	10
Trinity Church, Columbia,	30	Prince William's Parish,	10
St. James's, Santee,	30	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,	5
North Santee,	30	Christ Church,	5
St. Bartholomew's,	25	St. James's, James Island,	5
St. Paul's, Stono,	20	Trinity Church, Society Hill,	5
St. Thomas and St. Dennis,	20	Prince Frederick's,	5
Claremont,	20	Christ Church, Greenville,	5

Passed 1824. *Amended at various times.*

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Common Fund, shall punctually pay over to the Bishop of the Diocese, the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, annually, in quarterly payments, from said fund; to enable him to discharge his Episcopal duties.

Passed 1835. *Amended* 1841.

3. *Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain, after paying the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Bishop, shall be paid over to the Bishop's Permanent Fund. *Passed* 1834. *Amended.*

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, in his annual summons to the different Parishes, or Churches, to state the quota of such Parishes or Churches, to the Bishop's Common Fund. *Passed* 1830.

5. *Resolved*, That the Parishes of St. Philip's, St. Michael's, and St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, and St. Peter's Church, and Grace Church, Charleston, shall each contribute ten (10) dollars annually, and each Parish or Church in the country five (5) dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention; and that the Secretary, in issuing his summons to the Parish, or Churches, shall inform them of

this resolution; and that, at each Annual Convention, the Treasurer shall apply to the Delegates of each Church, for their respective contributions. *Passed* 1820. *Amended* 1829. 1848.

6. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being, to furnish the Ministers of the several Parishes, or Churches, with blank copies of the usual form for Reports; and that they be, and they are hereby required, *henceforth*, to make their annual returns conformably to the same. *Passed* 1826.

7. *Whereas*, according to the consecration service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "devout and holy men, as well under the Law as "under the Gospel, moved hither by the express command of God, or "by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to "their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have "erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them "from all *unhallowed worldly*, and *common* uses, in order to fill men's "minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and affect their "hearts with more devotion and humility in his service;" and, whereas, the delivering of orations, and holding elections, on secular or political subjects and occasions, and the usual worldly accompaniments and circumstances, are thought inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of this declaration of the Consecration service, and have been found to give pain to many members of our Communion, and generally to be of injurious tendency; therefore be it

Resolved by this Convention, That it be recommended to the Vestries of all Churches in this Diocese, to discourage, and, if possible, interdict the use of the Churches under their care, for all *unhallowed*, *worldly* and *common* purposes. *Passed* 1828.

8. *Resolved*, That the custom of returning thanks for sermons preached before this body, is inexpedient and unnecessary, and shall not, in future, be observed. *Passed* 1829.

9. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay, annually, to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the quota of this Diocese, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention. *Passed* 1832.

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the several Clergymen having a Parochial charge, to give notice to their respective Congregations, on the Sunday preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, that divine service may be expected every day during the sitting of the Convention. *Passed* 1838. *Amended.*

11. *Resolved*, That the fund to be raised in conformity with a resolution for adopting measures to increase the Bishop's Permanent Fund, shall be called the "Convention Fund, raised for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund;" shall be entrusted to the charge of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds; and shall not be used, either principal or interest, except for the purpose of investment, until the income shall be adequate, together with the income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, to the support of the Episcopate, independent of a Parochial charge. *Passed* 1836, *and amended.*

12. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Parishes of the Diocese to defray the expenses of their respective Pastors, incurred by their attendance on the Diocesan Convention. *Passed* 1838.

13. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the members of our Church, who are proprietors of slaves, individually and collectively to take measures for the *support* of Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists, who are members of our Church, for the religious instruction of their slaves. *Passed* 1838.

14. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon the Rectors and Vestries of the country Parishes, to exert themselves to obtain the services of such Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists. *Passed* 1838.

15. *Resolved*, That every Missionary and Catechist be approved of by the Bishop. *Passed* 1838.

16. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be required, on some suitable occasion previously to the meeting of the Convention in each year, to call the attention of their respective Congregations to the importance of the punctual attendance of Delegates at such Convention. *Passed* 1838.

17. *Resolved*, That no person who is a candidate for Orders, shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a Lay-Delegate from any Parish or Church. *Passed* 1838.

18. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the several Churches in this Diocese, that in the appointment of Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, they should select persons who are regular communicants of the Church. *Passed* 1841.

19. *Resolved*, That the Rector or officiating Minister, or in case of there being no Minister, the Chairman of the Vestry in the different Parishes be requested at as early a date as possible after each annual election of Vestry and Wardens of their Church, to forward a list of their names to the President of the Standing Committee, and also a list to the Secretary of the Convention, that they may be kept on file. *Passed* 1842.

20. *Resolved unanimously*, That whereas the practice of both public and private travelling on the Lord's day, is deemed to be a prevalent evil of the times; and whereas, the 41st Canon of our Church, "of the due celebration of Sundays," prescribes that "all persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the Word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation,"

Resolved, That the attention of the members of our Church in this Diocese be solicited to the above Canon. *Passed* 1844.

21. *Resolved*, That hereafter in voting by ballot, the Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy and of the Churches in order, and the votes be brought forward and deposited with the Tellers as called for; and no vote shall be received after the Tellers begin to count the votes.

 Passed 1847. *Amended* 1851.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEES, &c.

1. Standing Committee of the Diocese:

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, D. D. *Chairman.*
" Paul Trapier,
" Paul T. Gervais,
" Paul Trapier Keith, *Secretary.*
" J. S. Hanckel,
Dr. I. M. Campbell,
James H. Ladson,
H. D. Lesesne,
E. R. Laurens,
C. G. Memminger.

2. Delegates to the General Convention:

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.
" P. Trapier,
" J. R. Walker,
" C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
" R. F. W. Allston,
" Benjamin Huger, M. D.
" R. W. Barnwell,
" C. G. Memminger.

3. Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen:

The Rt. Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D., *Chairman.*
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